

April 5, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*Responsive Proclamation Pastor John

Pastor: Jesus Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen, indeed!

Pastor: Let us rejoice and be glad,

People: For the Lord has assured our salvation!

*Apostles Creed Cindy Mykrantz

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. On the third day, He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing of the Peace Cindy Mykrantz

*Hymn "Up From the Grave He Arose" No. 322

*Prayer of Assurance Cindy Mykrantz

Father in Heaven, you so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son, that we might be called your children, too. Help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for His sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in His resurrection. Help us to walk in your footsteps and tell your Good News to the world. All for Your glory do we pray, Amen.

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Savior, on this special day, the holiest of all days, we pause to confess our sins and give thanks for your unlimited grace and your unconditional love. Your death and resurrection atoned for our sins and cleansed our souls. May we forever honor our relationship with you through a renewed commitment to faithfulness and obedience. In Your Holy and Perfect Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Romans 6:4-5	Pg. 1182	Pastor John
Romans 6:8-11	Pg. 1182	Cindy Mykrantz
1 Peter 1:3-4	Pg. 1270	Pastor John
John 6:40	Pg. 1117	Cindy Mykrantz
Romans 8:12	Pg. 1184	Pastor John

Response

Pastor: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word!

People: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!

*Gloria Patri

*Hymn "He Touched Me" No. 367

*Anthem "Resurrection Alleluias" Chancel Choir

Message "A Conversation with Christ" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" No. 302

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Lenten Praise

Sincere thanks to all those who helped with our Maundy Thursday Service and our Good Friday Cantata. We were greatly blessed by these two sacred and worshipful events.

Outstanding Outreach

Special thanks to all who prepared and served a delicious meal at Homeward Bound, our local homeless shelter, this past Monday. Thanks also to those who organized and volunteered at the Ida Sue School Easter Egg Hunt the previous Friday. These are wonderful examples of serving God by serving others.

Laboring for the Lord

Oak Chapel is looking into forming a group that would provide service to others in the form of yardwork, household cleaning, and other types of half-day projects for both members of our church and those in our community. We would begin with quarterly ventures and perhaps move to every other month. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Carla or C.J. Krichbaum.

Spreading the Word

The local branch of Gideons is actively seeking new members to share the Gospel by distributing God's Word in public places. If you would like to learn more about this men's group, there will be an informational dinner on Tuesday, May 19. Once we learn about the time and location, we will let everyone know.

Volunteer Opportunity

The College of Wooster will once again host the East Ohio Annual Conference June 11-13. Would you like to help with VBS? If you are interested and able to serve any time slot please contact Rev. Amy Vittorio at pastoramyv@gmail.com.



Praises and Prayers

Almighty and Everlasting God, we are in awe of your presence and so very thankful for your relationship with us. As we bow before you in humble adoration, we also give thanks for your many blessings. We ask that you will hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers before you at this time.

Praises

- *For Wendy Rife’s continued recovery
- *For the return of Carol Gasser to our worship service
- *For the Cantrell’s grandson’s first steps
- *For Pastor John’s favorable test results
- *For Oak Chapel’s Easter Egg Hunt at Ida Sue School
- *For our meal at Homeward Bound last Monday
- *For our Sunday afternoon Lenten Services
- *For our Maundy Thursday Service
- *For our Good Friday Cantata
- *For Saturday’s square dance at the Fairgrounds
- *For the gift of patience in times of adversity
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *For those in our congregation who reach out and help others
- *For the commitment of our prayer warriors
- *For health and healing
- *For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- *For visitation by family and friends
- *For safe passage for those who travel

Prayers

- *For a peaceful resolution to the war in Iran
- *For the Landes’ friend, Nancy, who suffered a stroke
- *For the Troutman’s friend, Dave, who suffered a broken hip
- *For the Troutman’s friend, Randy, who has cancer
- *For Cheryl who is dealing with pancreatic cancer
- *For Wendy Rife as she recovers from a heart attack
- *For Dick and Carol Gasser, who are dealing with health issues
- *For Dave and Laura Preston’s grandchild who has heart issues
- *For safe travel for Doug and Cindy Henshaw

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 4/5	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	EASTER Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 4/6	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art and Soul	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 4/7	Retiree’s Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/8	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 4/9	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 4/12	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Monday 4/13	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 4/14	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/15	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
	Acorn Deadline	
Saturday 4/18	CV UW Faith Gathering	9:30 a.m.

Acorn Society

All women are invited to join the Acorn Society for lunch at The Lighted Lantern, 4537 Graber Rd Fredericksburg, 44627. This is a fellowship group that enjoys getting to know each other better. Please let us know if you plan to attend on 4/8.

Campus Support

If you would like to support Madeline Thompson in her role as the representative for InterVarsity at The College of Wooster, her phone is 740-971-8161, and her e-mail is madeline.thompson@intervarsity.com.

Upcoming Worship Services

- April 12.....What do You Think?
- April 19.....Retaliation or Reconciliation?
- April 26 An Erosion of Trust

Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



Today’s Message

“A Conversation with Christ”

April 5, 2026

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*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*