

May 10, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 28:8-9) Pastor John**

Pastor: The Lord is the strength of his people,

People: A fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

Pastor: Save your people and bless your inheritance;

People: Be our shepherd and carry us forever.

***Apostles Creed Jeanne Haghiri**

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 Jeanne Haghiri

***Hymn "This is My Father's World" No. 144**

***Prayer of Assurance Jeanne Haghiri**

Mighty and Merciful God, we look to you for enlightenment, inspiration, guidance, and strength so that we may remain fortified in our faith and solid in our relationship with you.

Bless us with the desire and commitment to continue growing as faithful disciples, and in all things, keeping our eyes, not on this world, but on the world to come. This we pray with earnest devotion to Your Blessed Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Lord, you are merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against you and failed to honor your Commandments. We all turn away and refuse to obey at times, but you are gracious and merciful, so we come before you once again in humble contrition, asking that you absolve us of our sins and cleanses our souls, so that we may one day enter your Father's Holy Kingdom. In Your Righteous Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Isaiah 41:10	Pg. 756	Pastor John
Isaiah 40:28-30	Pg. 756	Jeanne Haghiri
2 Corinthians 6:11-12	Pg. 1211	Pastor John
2 Corinthians 1:3-4	Pg. 1208	Jeanne Haghiri
Hebrews 4:14-16	Pg. 1256	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 "I Need Thee Every Hour" No. 397**

***Anthem "In Spirit and Truth" Chancel Choir**

Message "Assuaging Our Angst" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings** Pastor John

***Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Special Thanks

Thanks to all who planned and helped with the All-Daughter Fiesta last week. It was a wonderful event,

Thanks also to those who volunteer for our *Laboring for the Lord* project. Our day at Dick and Carol Gasser's has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 21.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Our Monday morning Bible Study continues tomorrow as we study the Old Testament Book of I Samuel. Please join us for a provocative discussion about how these lessons relate to our present-day lives. Our sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Grounds.

Mission Barn

Join us on Wednesday, May 20, for a trip to New Castle PA. We help build ramps, prepare hygiene kits, and fill five-gallon buckets with supplies for those who have been victimized by natural disasters. We depart at 8 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m. Please let Pam Domer or Beth Patton know if you can go.

Change the World—June 13

We will pack thousands of meals during our annual Lifeline Ministry mission project. This project is made possible through monetary donations from the our congregation. We will light a candle for each \$100 raised and hope to have 18 candles glowing brightly by June 13. Questions about the project can be addressed to Pam Domer.

Outdoor Worship and Cookout

Save May 24 for a celebratory cookout after worship. We would like you to 'shop' the current pantry and bring a dish to share. Be creative with an emphasis on beans, carrots, lentils, split peas, and rice. Please bring your recipe, so that we can share with the community as they, too, shop in our Pantry.



Praises and Prayers

Gracious and Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for your presence in our lives. As we come before you again today, we ask that you will hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers.

Praises

- *For the return of Tina Braucher after having health issues
- *For Michael Lilburn, who continues to recover from surgery
- *For Vera Rouhier, who continues to join us in worship
- *For Steve Moore's selection to the College Basketball Hall of Fame
- *For our Trustees' wonderful construction of our new pantry
- *For the blessings of family support and gatherings
- *For all those who serve the church in so many ways
- *For Oak Chapel's *Laboring for the Lord* ministry
- *For the power of prayer and music in our church
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *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 Keri Merickel's grandson, Liam, who is facing surgery
- *For Sandy Hower's friend, Bill, who has health challenges
- *For Nancy Hildebrandt, who is dealing with heart issues
- *For Donna Serzen's friend, Janet, who is struggling
- *For Alison Flanagan's friend's mother who has ovarian cancer
- *For Robin Dillon's father is dealing with health challenges
- *For a peaceful resolution to the war in Iran
- *For Ryan who is recovering from cancer surgery

Last Week's Attendance:55 in person....31 online
Last Week's Offering..... \$2086

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 5/10	Mothers' Day	
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Worship at Danbury	2:30 p.m.
Monday 5/11	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 5/12	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 5/13	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 5/14	4-H	7:00 p.m.
Friday 5/15	Acorn deadline	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 5/17	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 5/18	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 5/19	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5/20	Mission Barn Trip	8:00 a.m.
Sunday 5/24	Outdoor Worship/Picnic at Oak Chapel	10:30 a.m.

Acorn Society

The Acorn Society is an opportunity for women to go out to lunch together, just for the pleasure of getting to know one another. On May 13, we will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Beef 'O' Brady's at 244 S Market St, Wooster, Please mark your attendance sheet or let Elizabeth know if you will attend.

Upcoming Worship Services

May 17	Should I or Shouldn't I?
May 24.....	One More Thing!
May 31	Take Your Seat
June 7	Inadequate
June 14.....	Overflowing Fountain

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Today's Message

"Assuaging Our Angst"

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