

May 17, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Kyle

Opening Prayer Rev. Kyle

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 47) Rev. Kyle**
Pastor: Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,
People: For God reigns over all the earth!
Pastor: God has gone up with a shout!
People: Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

***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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 154**

***Prayer of Assurance Jeanne Haghiri**
O God of glory, sovereign of all nations, the risen and ascended Christ calls us to carry your message of life to all people. Led by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we witness always to the hope to which we are called as we share Christ's love to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Call to Confession Rev. Kyle

Prayer of Confession Rev. Kyle
Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, you draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected and ascended Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Kyle
Acts 1:1-11 Pg. 1139 Jeanne Haghiri
Luke 24:44-53 Pg. 1107 Rev. Kyle

Response
Pastor: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word!
People: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!

***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" No. 176**

***Anthem "Jesus is My Lord" Chancel Choir**

Message "In Between Times" Rev. Kyle

Our Morning Prayer Rev. Kyle
The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Rev. Kyle
***The Doxology Rev. Kyle**
***Prayer Over Our Offerings Rev. Kyle**

***Hymn "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" No. 312**

Benediction Rev. Kyle

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Welcome to Rev. Kyle Gould

During Pastor John's recovery, we welcome Rev. Kyle back to the pulpit. Rev. Kyle served Oak Chapel from 2016-2018. Currently, he is a clinical intern at Refuge Counseling in Wooster.

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

Our trip to the Mission Barn in Pennsylvania will be this Wednesday, May 20. We have five people currently signed up and could use some extra hands. Contact Pam Domer now. We depart at about 8 a.m. and return by about 5 p.m.

Change the World—June 13

Our annual Lifeline Ministry mission project, in which we pack thousands of meals for those in need, will take place on Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to Noon in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate, please let us know. If you would like to donate to the cause, we will light a votive on the altar railing for every \$100 given. Simply put your offering in a pew envelope, and mark the purpose and amount on the front. We are hoping to raise \$1,800.

Lincoln Highway Buy Way Sale

Oak Chapel will participate in the Buy Way Sale again this year on August 13, 14, 15. We need one or two volunteers to organize the sale of our 'Treasures.' Joyce Varns and Phyllis Weaver will organize a yummy lunch.



Praises and Prayers

Almighty and Eternal God, we give you thanks and praise for your abundant grace, infinite mercy, and unconditional love. 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 Michael Lilburn, who has returned home after surgery
- *For Char Alexander, who is celebrating her 90th birthday
- *For Vera Rouhier, who is celebrating her 101st birthday
- *For Roger Maurer, who is recovering from burns
- *For the Troutman’s grandson’s First Communion
- *For Cathy Shallenberger’s uncle’s move into assisted living
- *For Oak Chapel’s Kazoo Birthday Ministry
- *For our Trustees’ wonderful construction of our new pantry
- *For all those who serve the church in so many ways
- *For Oak Chapel’s *Labor for the Lord* ministry
- *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 grandsons’ upcoming procedures
- *For Keri Merickel's friend, Paulette, who has pancreatic cancer
- *For Char Alexander, who is facing an upcoming surgery
- *For Tom Rife’s sister and brother-in-law, who are moving
- *For Nancy Hildebrandt, who is dealing with heart issues
- *For Donna Serzen’s friend, Kathy, who has substance issues
- *For a peaceful resolution to the war in Iran

Special Thanks

Thanks 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, from 9:00—Noon.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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.
Wednesday 5/20	Mission Barn Trip	8:00 a.m.
Thursday 5/21	Yard Project at Gassers’	9:00 a.m.
	Outreach Team	5:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 5/24	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Outdoor Worship/Picnic	10:30 a.m.
	at Oak Chapel	
Monday 5/25	Memorial Day	
Tuesday 5/26	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Thursday 5/28	4-H	7:00 p.m.

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. If you are able, please bring a lawn chair as well.

Last Week’s Attendance: 53 in person....21 online
Last Week’s Offering \$3996

Upcoming Worship Services

May 24.....	Should I or Shouldn’t I?
May 31	Take Your Seat
June 7	Inadequate
June 14	Overflowing Fountain
June 21	A Better Way
June 28	Passive Participation

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Today’s Message

“In Between Times”

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