

May 24, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation** (Based on Psalm 9) **Pastor John**
Pastor: We give thanks to you, Lord, with all our heart;
People: We will tell the world of your wonderful deeds.
Pastor: We are exceedingly glad and rejoice in you;
People: We will sing the praises of your Glorious Name.

***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** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" **No. 160**

***Prayer of Assurance** **Jeanne Haghiri**
Loving and Compassionate God, you are the light of our life. Without you, we would be mired in darkness, but because of you, we are able to find our way to the pathway of righteousness. We ask that you continue to strengthen and sustain us so that we may continue to serve you with great loyalty and devotion. In Your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession **Pastor John**
Lord, our Great and Awesome Savior, we have sinned against you and failed to honor your commandments as well as your Sacred Word. Forgive us for our transgressions, and renew in us a spirit of love and obedience so that we may turn away from sin and toward you from this day forward. In Your Compassionate Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation		Pastor John
Acts 1:7-8	Pg. 1139	Pastor John
John 14:26	Pg. 1129	Jeanne Haghiri
Romans 8:26-27	Pg. 1184	Pastor John
Acts 2:38-39	Pg. 1141	Jeanne Haghiri
Galatians 5:16-18	Pg. 1222	Pastor John
Ephesians 4:29-32	Pg. 1227	Jeanne Haghiri
1 Corinthians 12:1-7	Pg. 1202	Pastor John
John 3:4-8	Pg. 1111	Jeanne Haghiri

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

***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn** "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" **No. 500**

***Anthem** "Rain on Me" **Chancel Choir**

Message "Should I or Shouldn't I?" **Pastor John**

Our Morning Prayer **Pastor John**
The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts **Pastor John**
***The Doxology** **Pastor John**

***Hymn** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" **No. 569**

Benediction **Pastor John**

Postlude **Jen Moser**

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Picnic Lunch

Please join us immediately after today's service for a picnic lunch on the lawn.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Our Monday morning Bible Study concludes next week (June 1) as we wrap up our exploration of 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.

Change the World—June 13

We are half way to our Lifeline Ministry mission project goal of \$1800. Mark Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to Noon on your calendar and let us know if you can participate. 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 it "Change the World."

Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Sale

Oak Chapel will participate in the Buy-Way Sale again this year on August 13, 14, 15. Thanks to Miriam Zech, who will organize the sale of our 'Treasures.' Joyce Varns and Phyllis Weaver will organize a yummy lunch including homemade ice cream. Each of these teams will need lots of help. Mark the week of August 9 on your calendars now!

Mission Barn Trip to be Rescheduled

Our trip to the Mission Barn in Pennsylvania will be rescheduled. If you would like to participate, please let Pam Domer or Beth Patton know.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Oak Chapel's annual outing at an Akron Rubber Ducks game will be on Friday, August 7, at 7:17 p.m. Tickets are \$15. If you would like to attend, contact Stuart Mykrantz.



Praises and Prayers

Father in Heaven, we are so grateful 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 Lloyd Boyer, who turned 100 last week
- *For Nancy Hildebrandt, recovering from heart procedures
- *For Michael Lilburn, who has returned home after surgery
- *For Char Alexander, who celebrated her 90th birthday
- *For Vera Rouhier, who celebrated her 101st birthday
- *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 Cyndi Boyer's two friends, who have cancer
- *For Pastor John, who will have surgery on May 26
- *For Char Alexander, who is facing an upcoming surgery
- *For Tom Rife's sister and brother-in-law, who are moving
- *For a peaceful resolution to the war in Iran

Pentecost Prayer

Holy Spirit, enter our hearts and awaken in us a passion to fortify our faith and share our testimony with others. Encourage us to rely on you for inspiration, illumination, edification, and protection, knowing with full assurance that you will always be with us, wherever we go and whatever we do. This we pray with great hope and anticipation in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 5/24	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Outdoor Worship/Picnic at Oak Chapel	10:30 a.m.
Monday 5/25	Memorial Day	
Tuesday 5/26	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 5/27	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 5/31	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 6/1	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art and Soul	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 6/2	Retirees' Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.

Special Thanks

Thanks to our very generous anonymous donor, who gave to support our new pantry and our Lifeline Ministry project. Thanks also to those who helped with our *Labor for the Lord* project last week at the home of Dick and Carol Gasser.

Kudos to Rev. Kyle

Special thanks to Rev. Kyle for leading us in worship last week. He provided a wonderful message, and we are so very grateful for his willingness to step in.

Last Week's Attendance: 40 in person....33 online

Last Week's Offering \$3494

Upcoming Worship Services

May 31	Running on Empty
June 7	United Women in Faith
June 14	Overflowing Fountain
June 21	A Better Way
June 28	Passive Participation

**Oak Chapel
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Today's Message

"Should I or Shouldn't I?"

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