

May 31, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Prayer Shawl Blessing Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 88:1-2) Pastor John

Pastor: Lord, you are the God who saves us!

People: Day and night we cry out to you!

Pastor: May our prayers come before you!

People: May you turn your ear and hear our cry!

*Apostles Creed Bruce Bloch

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 Bruce Bloch

*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Him" No. 89

*Prayer of Assurance Bruce Bloch

Holy and Gracious God, giver of every good gift, keeper of every sacred promise, we thank you for your abiding faithfulness that does not abandon us as your servants and does not forget the covenants you have made. Help us to draw closer to you through our words of encouragement and our acts of compassion toward others. In Your Ever-Faithful Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Holy and Living God, our blemishes are all too apparent, and for that we ask that you have mercy on us. May your endless compassion and boundless love inspire us to turn away from sin and toward the glow of your incomparable light. Forgive our iniquities and grant us peace as we seek to overcome the divide of sin by trusting solely in your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Now and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Isaiah 45:3	Pg. 762	Pastor John
Colossians 2:1-4	Pg. 1234	Bruce Bloch
1 Timothy 6:17-19	Pg. 1246	Pastor John
Matthew 6:19-21	Pg. 1013	Bruce Bloch
Matthew 13:44-46	Pg. 1022	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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 557

*Anthem "We've Come To This Place" Chancel Choir

Message "Treasure Hunt" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology Pastor John

*Hymn "Faith in Thy Name, Oh Lord" No. 438

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Special Thanks!

A great big "Thank You" to the gentlemen who grilled for us last Sunday. We appreciate the work of Stuart Mykrantz, who organized the process, along with Darrell Moser, Jon Mykrantz, and Steve Gossage. We are very grateful for your efforts.

UWFaith Worship

Members of our United Women in Faith Unit will lead us in worship next Sunday, June 7. Please join us for a very enjoyable and fulfilling service.

Change the World—June 13

We are 80% of the way to our Lifeline Ministry mission project goal of \$1800. Let us know if you can participate on Saturday, June 13, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. We will begin with a continental breakfast, pack many meals, and end with a light lunch. 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. Joyce Varns, Phyllis Weaver and Miriam Zech will need your help. Time to begin identifying your treasures to donate. Mark the week of August 9 on your calendars now!

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.

With Deep Appreciation

Pastor John wishes to thank all of you for your cards, texts, calls, and prayers during his recent surgery. He is very grateful!



Praises and Prayers

Heavenly Father, 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 Nancy Hildebrandt, who had some heart procedures
- *For Char Alexander as she recovers from surgery
- *For the *Laboring for the Lord* work day at the Gasser's home
- *For Dave and Phyllis Weaver's 50th wedding anniversary
- *For the Troutman's great niece, who was married last week
- *For Cathy Shallenberger's uncle, who joined us in worship
- *For all those who serve the church in so many ways
- *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 Jay Mosley, who broke his wrist
- *For Cyndi Boyer's two friends, who have cancer
- *For the family of Lloyd Boyer, at age 100, passed last week
- *For Pastor John as he recovers from surgery
- *For a peaceful resolution to the war in Iran

Special Prayer

Please lift up the family and friends of Najee Harris. Najee was a starting basketball player for Coach Moore at The College of Wooster and worshipped with us on a number of occasions. He was killed in a car accident on Memorial Day.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Our Monday morning Bible Study ends tomorrow, June 1, as we wrap up our exploration of the Old Testament Book of I Samuel. Our sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 6/7	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6/9	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Administrative Council	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6/10	Acorn Society	11:30 p.m.
Thursday 6/11	East Ohio Annual Conf.	9:00 a.m.
	4-H	7:00 p.m.
Friday 6/12	East Ohio Annual Conf.	9:00 a.m.
Saturday 6/13	Change the World Day	8:30 a.m.
	East Ohio Annual Conf.	9:00 a.m.

Art and Soul

Tomorrow evening we will paint 6-inch pots. Join us for Fun! Creativity! Fellowship! Please bring a six-inch pot and your imagination!



Acorn Society

This group of ladies, who enjoy eating lunch out together, will meet at the Top of the Viaduct Restaurant, 607 Lincoln Way W, Massillon, 44647. Please mark your attendance

Last Week's Attendance: 59 in person....36 online
Last Week's Offering \$2144

Upcoming Worship Services

June 7 United Women in Faith
June 14 Overflowing Fountain

Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



Today's Message

"Treasure Hunt"

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John Finn, *Pastor*

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