

June 21, 2026

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| Bringing Forth the Light                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                        |         |
| Prelude                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Jen Moser              |         |
| Welcome and Announcements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Pastor John            |         |
| Opening Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Pastor John            |         |
| *Responsive Reading (Psalm 68:34-35)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Pastor John            |         |
| Pastor: Proclaim the power of God,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                        |         |
| People: Whose majesty is over Israel,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                        |         |
| Pastor: Whose power is in the heavens!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                        |         |
| People: You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                        |         |
| *Apostles Creed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Betty Aylsworth        |         |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Betty Aylsworth        |         |
| *Hymn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | “Faith of Our Fathers” | No. 710 |
| *Prayer of Assurance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Betty Aylsworth        |         |
| Lord God, we find comfort in your presence, confidence in your faithfulness, assurance in your loyalty, encouragement in your love, and peace in your promise of salvation. Today and every day, we acknowledge your majesty and honor your eminence. Let us walk beside you as we also reverently praise your Sacred Name always and everywhere. Amen!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                        |         |
| Call to Confession                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Pastor John            |         |

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| Prayer of Confession                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                        | Pastor John      |
| Lord of perpetual mercy, we admit that we have sinned against you. Although we know the truth of your Sacred Word, we continue to fall victim to the fierce temptation in this world. We pray today that you will forgive our sins and strengthen us in the face of evil so that we may pursue the pathway to purity and righteousness. This we pray in Your All-Powerful Name, now and forever. Amen! |                                        |                  |
| Prayer of Preparation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                        | Pastor John      |
| Deuteronomy 31:8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Pg. 215                                | Pastor John      |
| Matthew 7:9-12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Pg. 1014                               | Betty Aylsworth  |
| Luke 15:11-24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Pg. 1094                               | 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | "Be Still, My Soul"                    | No. 534          |
| Special Music                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Jacob Bodnar                           | Ohio Light Opera |
| Message                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | "Just Be There"                        | Pastor John      |
| Our Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                        | Pastor John      |
| The Lord's Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                        |                  |
| Presentation of Our Gifts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                        | Pastor John      |
| *The Doxology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                        |                  |
| *Hymn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" | No. 348          |
| Benediction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                        | Pastor John      |
| Postlude                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                        | Jen Moser        |
| *=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                        |                  |

# WHAT'S COMING UP?

**Golden Agers**  
Last week's Golden Agers Luncheon was a great success once again. Thanks to all those who organized, set up, served, and cleaned up. This annual event is an excellent outreach in our community.

**Mission Barn Trip Rescheduled**  
Our trip to the Mission Barn in Pennsylvania has been rescheduled for Wednesday, August 19. Please consider joining us as we assist the organization in its efforts to build ramps, prepare hygiene kits, and fill buckets with supplies for those who have been victimized by natural disasters. If you would like to participate, please let Pam Domer or Beth Patton know. We depart at about 8 a.m. and return by about 5 p.m.

**Mission u**  
East Ohio United Women in Faith will hold Mission u at the University of Mt. Union in Alliance, on July 10-12. It is open to girls and women ages 12-101. The same curriculum is studied around the world. For more information, contact Elizabeth Feldman. Interested in deepening your faith in community? In 2026, our theme is *A Deep Knowing—Experiencing Emmanuel Through Every Part of Our Lives*. Mission u offers a unique opportunity for faith communities to create powerful intergenerational learning experiences. There is also a virtual Mission u, hosted by the West Ohio UW/Faith on Wednesday evenings beginning July 8 or Thursday mornings beginning July 9, for four weeks.

*When in distress, go to the Throne,  
instead of the phone!*



**Praises and Prayers**  
Lord in Heaven, we lift up your name in praise and thanksgiving in appreciation of 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 Cormac Finn as he dances his way to fame
  - \*For another successful Lifeline Ministry Project
  - \*For a very successful Golden Agers Luncheon
  - \*For the Waynedale and Hiland Baseball Teams’ success
  - \*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 Steve Moore’s brother’s niece injured in an accident
  - \*For Rev. Kevan Franklin who has early onset Alzheimer’s
  - \*For the Jim Swinehart Family following his passing
  - \*For the Phyllis Finley Family following her passing
  - \*For Alison Flanagan’s friend Candy, whose father passed
  - \*For Cyndi Boyer’s two friends who are battling cancer
  - \*For Jen Moser’s friend Tracy, who has cancer
  - \*For Carolina Stillwagner and her immigration challenges
  - \*For Tom Lorry following the passing of his wife, Jeannette
  - \*For the Boyers as they complete their remodeling project
  - \*For safety for those who are traveling this summer

At the heart of the Christian faith is a simple truth: disciples are people who are being changed. When Jesus called His first followers, He invited them to leave something behind and step into something new. That invitation continues today. What is God calling you to leave behind? *Between Sundays 247*

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

|               |                |            |
|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Sunday 6/21   | Sunday School  | 9:30 a.m.  |
|               | Worship        | 10:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday 6/23  | Days for Girls | 2:00 p.m.  |
|               | Girl Scouts    | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Thursday 6/25 | 4-H            | 7:00 p.m.  |

**Looking Ahead**

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| Sunday 6/28  | Sunday School             | 9:30 a.m.  |
|              | Worship                   | 10:30 a.m. |
| Monday 6/29  | All-American Concert      | 7:00 p.m.  |
|              | Fair Grounds Event Center |            |
| Tuesday 6/30 | Girl Scouts               | 6:00 p.m.  |

**Sign of the Times**

Oak Chapel is looking into adding a new illuminated sign for the entryway to the church. We are hoping to have the sign installed sometime this summer.

**Hygiene Kits**

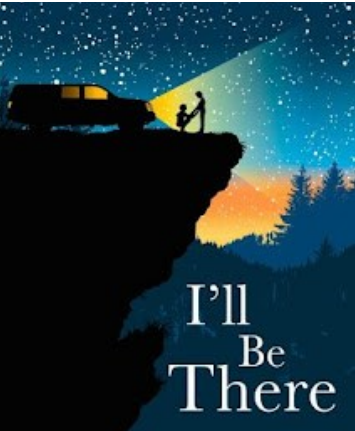
We still have a number of Hygiene Kits available for distribution to those in need. The kits include wash rags, soap, toothbrushes, band-aids, and several other items. If you know of any individuals or organizations that can benefit from these items, please feel to take as many as you wish. The kits are available in the room next to the nursery in the educational wing.

**Week’s Attendance** ..... 52 in person .....22 online  
**Last Week’s Offering** ..... \$7795

**Upcoming Worship Services**

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|---------|---------------------|
| June 28 | Center of Attention |
| July 5  | Here We Go Again    |
| July 12 | Running on Empty    |

**Oak Chapel  
United Methodist Church**



**Today’s Message**  
*“Just Be There”*

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