

July 12, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Reading** (From Psalm 30) Pastor John
Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
People: And give thanks to his holy name.
Pastor: For his anger is for just a moment,
People: But his favor is for a lifetime.

***Apostles Creed** Phyllis Weaver
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 Phyllis Weaver

***Hymn** “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven” No. 66

***Prayer of Assurance** Phyllis Weaver
Lord Jesus, your love brings us comfort, hope, and strength. Touch our hearts so that we, too, might show your love to others, bringing them joy, assurance, and peace, while also bringing honor and glory to your Sacred Name. This we pray with deep devotion and genuine compassion, always and everywhere. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
Forgive us, Mighty Savior, for our arrogance and self-centeredness, as well as insensitive words and foolish actions. Let us instead cling tightly to the cross, confessing our transgressions, while pursuing your guiding light and your unconditional love so that we may be deemed worthy in your sight. This we pray with a genuine desire to move closer to you, today and every day. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John
Micah 1:2-4 Pg. 970 Pastor John
Nahum 1:3-5 Pg. 977 Phyllis Weaver
Isaiah 54:10 Pg. 773 Pastor John
Matthew 21:21-22 Pg. 1032 Phyllis Weaver
Mark 11:22-25 Pg. 1060 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** “Seek Ye First” No. 405

Special Music Ohio Light Opera
Laura Kellogg, flute; Ger Yang, oboe; Spencer Wilson, bassoon

Message “No Mountain Too High” Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John
The Lord’s Prayer

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

***Hymn** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” No. 526

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT’S COMING UP?

Mystery Cookies
Special thanks for the delicious patriotic red, white, and blue cookies that were served after our worship service last Sunday. They were absolutely fabulous, but we couldn’t figure out who made them. That mystery has now been solved. Our baker was Miriam Zech. Thanks so much, Miriam!

Pastor John’s Vacation
Pastor John will be away Monday through Thursday of this week. He will be available by phone (330-988-2577). If Pastoral care is needed while he is away, please contact Elizabeth, and she will find a local clergy member to provide assistance.

Hygiene Kits
We still have a number of Hygiene Kits available for distribution to those in need. The kits include a hand towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, 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.

Laboring for the Lord Ministry
Our *Laboring for the Lord Ministry* has really taken off. Thanks to Carla and C.J. Krichbaum, who organized the endeavor, many of you have participated in projects to help others, including yardwork, indoor cleaning, food preparation, and so much more. The Spirit of God is alive and well in our church! Let’s keep it going!

Mission Barn Trip Rescheduled
Our trip to the Mission Barn in Pennsylvania has been rescheduled for Wednesday, August 19. Please consider joining us. If you would like to participate, please let Pam Domer or Beth Patton know.



Praises and Prayers

Great God in Heaven, we exalt your name with great admiration 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 Gene Varns, whose vision has stabilized
- *For Gene and Joyce Varns on their 50th anniversary
- *For our Hygiene Kits, which bring relief to so many
- *For all those who serve the church in so many ways
- *For our Greeters, Ushers, and Communion Stewards
- *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 Tom Rife, who suffered a broken arm
- *For Carolina and her son, who are having immigration issues
- *For Dave Preston, who continues to have health concerns
- *For Wendy Rife’s son and daughter, who have health issues
- *For the family or Laurie Sidle, who passed last week
- *For the children in Vinton County who were victimized
- *For the tragic incident in Rittman last week
- *For the Rittman police officer who lost his life last week
- *For the victims of flooding in Kentucky and on Kelly’s Island
- *For those affected by the wildfires in the West and Midwest
- *For the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela
- *For peace among warring nations

“We should not be trying to bring people to heaven, but rather, to bring heaven to the people" Bishop, John Hopkins

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 7/12	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Worship at Danbury	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday 7/14	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7/15	ACORN Deadline	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 7/19	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	UW Faith Executive Team	11:30 a.m.
Monday 7/20	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 7/21	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 7/23	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Ohio Light Opera Chamber Recital

Tonight at 7:00 p.m., musicians from OLO will present a concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.

‘Grace, Gratitude and Ganache’

Formally know as SPA Day, Soul Care will be held on Saturday, August 8, from 10:00 until 12:30. Invite a friend and mark your calendars. Think relaxation, chocolate, possible crafting, chocolate, manicures, chocolate, meditation, food, and of course chocolate! The morning will end with a delightful lunch.

Buy-Way Sale

Oak Chapel will once again participate in the annual Buy-Way Sale August 13-14. Identify any “treasures” you might want to part with and prepare to bring them to the church to sell.

Week’s Attendance..... 42 in person..... 21 online
Last Week’s Offering..... \$13,933

Upcoming Worship Service

July 19 Center of Attention
July 26..... Sinking Sand

Oak Chapel
United Methodist Church



Today’s Message
“No Mountain Too High”

July 12, 2026

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John Finn, *Pastor*

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