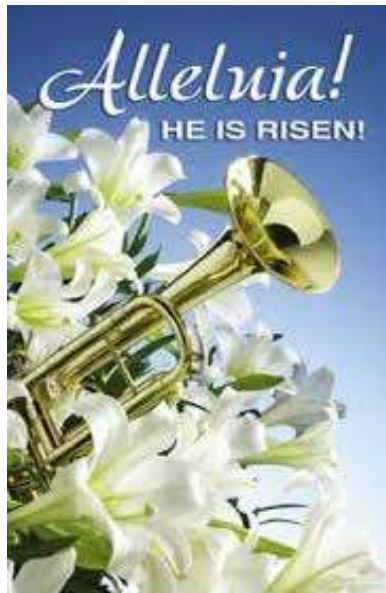


Resurrection of the Lord/Easter



**April 12, 2020
at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live**

**Or in the Afternoon on Our Church
Website at westminsterakron.org**

We welcome you to Westminster's virtual worship service on this Easter Sunday. To set a more worshipful tone while watching this service at home, we encourage you to find a quiet space and light a candle.

If you are joining us on Facebook Live, then you can find a copy of today's bulletin on our church website at westminsterakron.org.

COME

Voluntary

Voluntary in Bb Major

John Stanley
Ethan Symonds, trumpet*

*Call to Worship

Harriet Chapman

This is the good news - the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news - the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news - once we were not a people; now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with one each other.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them.
Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship are high,
and we are nowhere to be found:

God forgive.

When we wash our hands of responsibility:

God forgive.

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with
silver:

God forgive.

When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from
believing it:

God forgive.

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your
grace is revealed.

**Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness
to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.**

Silence is observed.

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Assurance of Forgiveness

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Greet one another saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Anthem Lift High the Cross

S. Drummond Wolff

Refrain : *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.*

*Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (Refrain)*

*O, Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, Draw us all to Thee. (Refrain)*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)*

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures
here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.

The First Lesson

John 20:1-10

Pew Bible, New Testament

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

The Second Lesson

John 20:11-18

Pew Bible, New Testament

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon An Easter Testimony

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjust condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

*Hymn 118 The Day of Resurrection

ELLACOMBE

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light;

And, listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.

*Charge and Benediction

This day, may you know the joy of the resurrection:
purify your souls; be obedient to the truth;
be genuine in love, through the living and enduring Word of God.

May the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
the love of God who raised him from the dead,
and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life
bless you and keep you. Alleluia!

Voluntary Hallelujah! (*Messiah*)

George Frederick Handel

**Funding for trumpeter Ethan Symonds is provided by the Enyart Fund.*

2020 Easter Lily Memorials and Gifts

Westminster Presbyterian Church sincerely appreciates those members and friends who have contributed in honor or memory of their loved ones, making possible the lovely Easter decorations in the Sanctuary.

The Easter lilies will be distributed after the service to our member residents of Rockynol, Concordia and homebound members.



In memorial of loved ones from Pat Schumacher

In memory of my parents from Gerald Young

In loving memory of my wife, Eileen O. Field & my
parents, Frank L Field Sr. and Virginia C Field
from Frank L Field Jr

In honor of Bain & Inky Malone's 60th wedding anniversary! Given by their children

In loving memory of Robert J "Bob" Werner given by Shirley Werner & family

In loving memory of Claude Wilton from Anna Marie Wilton & family

In loving memory of Jon Daugherty from Ellen Daugherty

In loving memory of William Brideweser M.D. from Margaret Brideweser & family

In loving memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Sears from Sandra Gruneich & family

In loving memory of my grandparents, Dr. & Mrs. E. Henry Jones and Mr. & Mrs. Wiegand W. Jensen from Nancy Jones Keogh

In memory of Jarema & Maria Porchowsky and Frank & Dorothy Preebe; Ernest Biegacki; Anna Firko from Mark & Helen Preebe

In honor and loving memory of John D. and Mary S. Chapman, Laurance and Sylvia Chapman, Henry B. and Mary S. Manton, and J. Penfield and Harriet M. Seiberling from Harriet D. Chapman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible study from home Are you interested in participating in a Bible study from home? If so, please contact Pastor Jon and let him know if you would prefer a group video conference or group phone conference. jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com

Zoom Meetings If you are a committee moderator or group leader who would like to continue meeting with your team during the suspension of in-person activities, please contact Claudine at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com to learn more.

Time Off Pastor Hauerwas will be on vacation next week. For pastoral care needs, please contact our main office.

During these difficult times, the church remains grateful for your faithful support of our ministries through your financial contributions.

Please help us continue to serve the WPC family and our neighbors by ensuring that our staff is supported, our facility remains operational, and the "least of these" are served. To give online, click under the tab "online giving."

The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday - Friday.
Staff schedule in the office: Monday - Pastor Jon, Debby Evrard and Dave Bodnar. Tuesday - Debby Evrard, Mallory Gray and Dave Bodnar. Wednesday - Pastor Jon, Debby Evrard and Dave Bodnar. Thursday - Debby Evrard, Sheila Svoboda and Dave Bodnar. Friday - Pastor Jon and Claudine Schooley



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