

5th Sunday of Easter



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

**or in the afternoon on our church
website at westminsterakron.org**

Happy Mother's Day!

COME

We welcome you to Westminster's virtual worship service this 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.

Opening Voluntary *Adagio* (Sonata I) Felix Mendelssohn

*Call to Worship Jacquie Mabry

Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 473 For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of night,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
5. For Thy church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory be 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

We invite you now to greet one another saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Time for Church Life

Anthem The Blessing of a Mother's Love

Becki Slagle Mayo

*A mother's love is always near, to share my joy, to dry my tears,
Her loving care helps me to see that God will always comfort me.
We offer praise to God above for the blessing of a mother's love.*

*A mother's love and gentle smile can help us walk the longest mile, and though
the road may twist and turn, she always helps us grow and learn. We offer
praise to God above for the blessing of a mother's love.
We pray that God will guide our way and help us every day
To show God's love in all we do, and show that we love you.*

*A mother's love is strong and sure, a love that always will endure, a love we feel
with each embrace, a love we see upon her face. We offer praise to God above
for the blessing of a mother's love.*

*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.**

Time with Young Disciples

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

The First Lesson Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Old Testament

1 In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;

- do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
- 2 Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.
- 3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
- 4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
- 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God
- 15 My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
- 16 Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

The Second Lesson John 14:1-14

New Testament

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” 8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

Sermon Home The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in the Jesus who healed and the Jesus who was arrested. I believe in the Jesus who was abused and the Jesus who abused not in return. I believe in the Jesus who was called a traitor and the Jesus who was a peacemaker. I believe in the Jesus who was falsely accused and the Jesus who turned those accusations back on his accusers. I believe in the Jesus who was crucified and the Jesus who forgave his crucifiers as they watched the breath of life leave him. I believe that the Jesus who was buried on Friday is the Christ who arose on Sunday, and because I believe this, I affirm Jesus to be the Christ, Son of the living God, Savior, liberator, long-awaited Messiah, King of kings and Lord of lords. I gladly proclaim the day of Christ's resurrection to be the Easter for all generations. Glory to God - our Savior lives!

Prayers of the People

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the church throughout the world, that all who profess to honor the risen Lord may be faithful in their witness and courageous in their testimony to the way of Jesus;
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For pastors, teachers and ministers, that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, they may seek to build the church upon Christ, the cornerstone, and humbly lead in faithful service;
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the governments of the world and its leaders, that the nations may dwell in peace, that good will prevail over strife, and people of faith may freely worship as their hearts direct;
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For rain and sun in proper measure, and for abundant food and water for all who dwell upon the earth;
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the sick and those in need, and for any who are oppressed by wounds of the soul;
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For our neighbors that we may live in amity, and that strangers among us may find us to be hospitable friends;

God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, your Son promised to grant whatever we ask in his name. By your Holy Spirit empower us to minister to the world as his faithful disciples that our work may testify to what we pray and show forth your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

And finally, together as the people of God, let us offer the words of the Lord's Prayer, saying in one voice:

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 308 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

1. O sing a song of Bethlehem, Of shepherds watching there,
 And of the news that came to them From angels in the air.
 The light that shone on Bethlehem Fills all the world today,
 Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth The angels sing away.
2. O sing a song of Nazareth, Of sunny days of joy,
 O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, And of the sinless Boy.
 For now the flowers of Nazareth In every heart may grow,
 Now spreads the fame of His dear name On all the winds that blow.
3. O sing a song of Galilee, Of lake and woods and hill,
 Of Him who walked upon the sea And bade its waves be still,
 For though, like waves on Galilee, Dark seas of trouble roll,
 When faith has heard the Master's word, Fall peace upon the soul.
4. O sing a song of Calvary, Its glory and dismay,
 Of Him who hung upon the tree, And took our sins away.
 For He who died on Calvary Is risen from the grave,
 And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, Is mighty now to save.

*Charge and Benediction

Go forth to serve in the name of our risen Lord.
May Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, be with you.
May the Spirit empower you to serve in Christ's name.
May God, who raised Christ from the dead, keep you forevermore.
Alleluia!

Voluntary

Processional in D

David N. Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

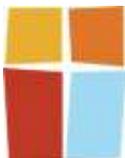
The Flowers In The Chancel are given by James and Mallory Gray in honor of Mallory's mother, Pamela Keenan, grandmother, Barbara Pollard, and aunt, Lise Muellner; also in loving memory of James' mother, Deloris Gray and Mallory's aunt, Susan Pollard.

Monday Zoom Bible Study Pastor Jon is offering a new, virtual Bible study on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you might be interested in participating, then please contact our pastor.

Study Leave Pastor Jon will be on study leave next week. For pastoral care needs, please contact our main office. On Sunday, May 17, Reverend Doctor Sandy Selby will be preaching.

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 remains 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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