

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost



**June 21, 2020  
at 10:30 a.m.  
on Facebook **Live****

**or in the afternoon on our church  
website at [westminsterakron.org](http://westminsterakron.org)**

## ***Father's Day***

*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](http://westminsterakron.org).*

## **COME**

Opening Voluntary      Children of the Heavenly Father      Robert Hobby

\*Call to Worship      Barb Shriner

God cares for us completely and calls for our total commitment.

**Christ gave his life that we might live and calls us to give our lives to him.**

Through Christ we have died to sin; in Christ we are fully alive to God.

**Come, let us worship God.**

\*Hymn 306      Fairest Lord Jesus      CRUSADERS' HYMN

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth come down,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and  
crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming  
garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart  
to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels heaven can boast.

## ENCOUNTER

### Call to Confession

Sin destroys our lives. Sin destroys our relationships. Sin destroys our hope. But through faith in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our lives, our relationships, and our future are no longer enslaved to sin. Let us trust the love of God and confess our sin, that we might receive grace and find true freedom.

### Prayer of Confession

**God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, God of Hagar and Ishmael, who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins. We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is in his name that we pray. 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

God, who loves us, does not abandon or forsake us. Our Savior hears and answers when we cry out from the wastelands of sin. Death cannot bind us, for the risen Christ sets us free. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ you 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 and Call for the Offering

Christ knows every breath we take: each one is a gift from the Spirit. God watches over, protects, and provides for us. Let us present our offerings of thanksgiving for the goodness of the triune God.

Musical Reflection

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*Joel Rhoads, baritone*

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light as shows a Feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in 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

O God, you have the power to make a desert a place of renewal and a cross a sign of redemption. Send your Holy Spirit so that we can hear you and entrust ourselves completely to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 21:8-14

Old Testament

8 The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. 10 So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." 11 The matter was very distressing to Abraham

on account of his son. 12 But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. 13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” 14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

The Second Lesson      Genesis 21:15-21

Old Testament

15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. 16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 18 Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” 19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. 20 God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. 21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

Sermon

It's Complicated

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and**

**fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

### Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,  
**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

On this Father's Day, we give thanks for all of the men who have shared their values, morals, wisdom, and guidance with us in positive ways. We pray for fathers who are struggling and for all who wonder if they are good role models to their children. Help them to find strength in patience and joy in mutuality as they provide for the needs of the next generation of your people.

**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

God of all goodness, we give thanks for the newness you give each of us every day. We thank you for your surprises, for the people you put in our paths to show us new dimensions of your faithfulness.

**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all people of faith, for churches everywhere, for the differing insights into your will offered and proclaimed by many teachers to guide and refresh your people.

**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all nations, for racial and ethnic differences, for the variety of languages, foods, and lands you have created. Mold us into the people who praise you for the marvels you set before us. Help us not to fear distinctions but to embrace them as your gifts.

**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

Soften us, Lord, so that we are able to enter into others' pain. When we are healthy, make us grateful. When we are in need, help us to receive the care of others.

**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer: for those who have no home, for all who lack enough food, for people who have no work or work that is not life-giving, for all who live in fear, and for all who hunger for peace and do not know where to turn.

**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the needs we name now, silently or aloud... *[silence]*  
**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

Fill us, O God, with your power. Make us whole so that we journey with complete faith. Into your hands we commend all who need our prayers, trusting in your compassion, through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord.  
**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 239      How Happy Is Each Child of God      WINCHESTER OLD

1.      How happy is each child of God Who walks within God's ways!  
        You'll reap good fruit from honest work, And joy in life always.
2.      With faithful spouse you'll parent now Your children, strong, adored; Like  
        olive shoots they shall surround Your laden table board!
3.      How happy is the family Who honors God above!  
        The Lord shall send all help and grace to bless your home with love.
4.      May God's great peace, good health, and joy Forever fill your home; May  
        you and your descendants know Forever God's shalom!

\*Charge and Benediction

I invite you now to walk in the way of faith,  
sure of God's endless and life-giving presence.  
Turn to the Lord with your needs  
and to your neighbor with aid,  
for in seeing ourselves as friends to others,  
we learn anew each day the meaning of our fellowship in Christ.

May the One who gives life to the dead,  
hope to the desperate,

and healing to the brokenhearted  
call you to rest and rejoice in the power of the Almighty.

Voluntary      Toccata on “St. Catherine”

Page C. Long

*Funding for today’s soloist was provided by the  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Flowers In The Chancel** are given by Ginny and Bill Melver in memory of their fathers, Robert Peach Tutt and Robert Lee Melver.

**Study Leave** Pastor Jon will be on study leave next week. For pastoral care needs, please contact our main office. On Sunday, June 28, Reverend George Murphy will be preaching.

**New Church Office Hours** Starting Monday, June 22, the church office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, as it was pre-pandemic.

### Monthly Financial Report

May 2020	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$22,426.89	\$38,357.70	\$263,224.37	*\$260,372.60
Total Expenses	\$37,020.44	\$46,867.88	\$208,481.31	\$259,758.24
Net	(\$14,593.55)	(\$8,510.18)	\$54,743.06	\$614.36

\*Budgeted total revenues include anticipated withdrawals from Rowley investments necessary to balance the budget totaling \$20,969 for the year.

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending May 31, 2020.

**Giving Online** 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" and use this QR Code.



When visiting the church, please remember that there is a two person limit for any activity, either indoor or outside. We ask that you observe appropriate social distancing guidelines by granting others at least six feet of space. We also request that you wear a mask while inside the church building. Hand sanitizer stations are available for your convenience. Thank you for your understanding as we seek to keep our community safe and healthy during the current pandemic.



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