

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



**June 28, 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 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.

COME

Opening Voluntary A Prayer for Guidance Richard Purvis

*Call to Worship Brad Hall

God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's holy people.
We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of God's own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

1. Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for Thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.
3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

How costly is our broken relationship with God! The price of sin is a spiritless life, which is no life at all. Where are joy, peace, or lasting love to be found, except in the One who creates peace and joy, who sent Jesus Christ, the beloved Son, to save us from our sin? Let us confess, repent, and trust God to forgive us our sin.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we have failed many tests of our faith. Our relationships have been damaged with others and with you. In your great mercy, forgive us. Change even our bodies from implements of destruction to instruments of your peace; for the sake of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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, whose name is I Am, provides for our weakness. Jesus Christ, the I Am in the body, gave himself for our salvation. All who are united to Christ in his death are united to Christ in his resurrection. The end is eternal life. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ your sins 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

Musical Reflection It Is Well with My Soul Craig Courtney
Elizabeth Crabtree, soloist

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin--O, the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin--not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so"--it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

*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

Sheila Svoboda

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Terrifying Word, life-giving Word, sanctifying Word, come to us as ones who crave water in the desert. Grant that we may hear and respond to you, yes, in awe, and also in rejoicing, through the Lamb, Jesus Christ, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, is worshiped and glorified by all your saints, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Old Testament

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; 6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. 7 But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. 8 The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. 9 As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

The Second Lesson

Matthew 10:40-42

New Testament

40 “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

Sermon

Forthtellers and Foretellers

The Reverend Dr. George Murphy

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

from Westminster Confession

God was pleased, in God’s eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, to be the mediator between God and human beings. As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and

Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. God gave to him, from all eternity, a people to be by him, in time, redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself - has purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him.

Prayers of the People

Gracious God, from ancient times to today, men and women have been empowered by you to call people to return to you and to do justice in your world. By your Spirit give us wisdom to distinguish the words of your prophets today from all that would distract us from following you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We pray silently...

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 538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing SICILIAN MARINERS

1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the truth may we be found.
3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, May we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary

Psalm 100

Justin Heinrich Knecht

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend George Murphy

The Reverend George Murphy is a retired Lutheran pastor who served St. Mark Lutheran Church in Tallmadge (1984-1998), was a pastoral associate at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Akron (1999-2008), and continues to provide supply ministry. George's first career was in physics, and he is active in work to help churches deal theologically with issues raised by developments in science and technology. George presented Westminster's Ebert's Lecture Series in 2016.

The Flowers In The Chancel are given by Michael Dunbar in memory of friends that we have lost.

Pastor On Vacation Pastor Jon will be on vacation next week. For pastoral care needs, please contact our main office. On Sunday, July 5, Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby will be preaching.

Church Office Close on July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Since Monday, June 22, the church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, as it was pre-pandemic.

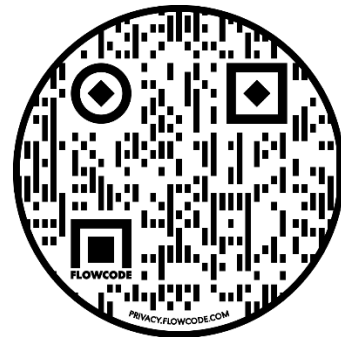
July/August Script We are currently preparing a Script church newsletter for July 15 through August 31. To have your articles included in this publication, we ask that you provide submissions by July 6 at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com.

Renew Your Wedding Vows Love is in the air at Westminster! We invite you to renew your wedding vows with Pastor Jon during our livestream service on Sunday July 26 at 10:30 am. All couples are invited to participate in this virtual renewal. Valerie will be playing wedding music for the opening and closing Voluntaries, and Paul and Valerie Stewart will sing a special duet. We also encourage you to send us pictures of your wedding and/or special Anniversaries. Please let us know if you have a milestone anniversary approaching, so we can

share in your joy. We will post the pictures on the WPC website so that we may all enjoy them on this special Sunday. For those of you who may have lost your partner/husband/wife, we still would love to see and share your pictures! Send your pictures to Mallory Gray at wpcsmmedia1250@gmail.com

First Sunday Drive-In/Drop-Off Food Collection First Sunday Food Collection will resume on July 5 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. as a “Drive-in/Drop-off” event. We hope to collect enough non-perishables to pack grocery bags with items to prepare a complete meal serving families of 2 to 4 individuals for distribution on the third Sunday. The Outreach Committee is requesting the following non-perishable items: spaghetti, canned spaghetti sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned tuna and chicken, peanut butter (plastic jar), vegetable and chicken noodle soup, canned beef stew, beans and franks, and canned fruits and vegetables. [Note: No glass containers please.] Please share your blessings with a donation to serve the “least of these.” Our Youth Group will be waiting in the driveway to accept your donation. If you are picking up VBS materials, feel free to drop-off your food donation at your scheduled pick up time. Thank you in advance for your generosity on behalf of VBS, WPC Youth Group, and the Outreach Committee.

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.



From Session

On June 23, Session voted to approve resuming in-person on site activities, indoors or outside for groups of up to ten individuals. Individuals are asked to wear a mask when in the church building. In-person worship services will continue to be suspended through August 31. Bible studies, committee, staff and Session meetings will continue via Zoom. Small groups may meet if everyone in the group agrees to an in-person meeting and proper social distancing is maintained. If you are a committee moderator, please contact Claudine in our main office regarding scheduling a meeting.



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