

# Trinity Sunday



**June 7, 2020  
at 10:30 a.m.  
on Facebook **Live****

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

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

Opening Voluntary      At the Name of Jesus      William H. Bates

\*Call to Worship      Jacquie Mabry

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 138      Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!      NICAEA

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; There is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, In love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## ENCOUNTER

### Call to Confession

Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Savior, and life-giving Sustainer. Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace.

### Prayer of Confession

**Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into your service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us into your truth; Risen One, baptize us into the faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity. 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

The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgets the sins of all who repent. I declare to you, therefore, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

\*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.**

\*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

Jesus sends his disciples into the world to bless all by his grace. With God's love, in the Holy Spirit, let us give our lives, our skills, and our treasures for the work of God's kingdom in this world.

Musical Reflection                      His Eye Is on the Sparrow                      Traditional  
*Ben Hayes, soloist*

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely And long for heaven and home, When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free; For his eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear, And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; Though by the path he leadeth, But one step I may see: His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free; For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise, When song gives place to sighing, When hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him, From care he sets me free; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free; For his eye is on the sparrow, And I know, O yes, I know he watches me.*

\*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

Sing to our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life. Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done.  
**Amen.**

The First Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20

New Testament

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

New Testament

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. 13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Sermon

In Order

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

# SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

from Belhar Confession

**We believe in the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. Together we celebrate**

**our differences as opportunities for mutual service within the one visible people of God. Together we will love each other.**

### Prayers of the People

In accord with God's command that we hold dominion over creation, let us pray for the church, the world, and all for whom we are called to be stewards, saying,

**God of all goodness, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for our world, which you made and renewed in the power of Jesus' resurrection. Make us wise and careful of your gifts as we live on Earth.

**God of all goodness, hear our prayer.**

We pray that the love which passes ceaselessly between the Father and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the life of each Christian and draw us all into your unending life.

**God of all goodness, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the church: for Protestants, Roman Catholics, and the Orthodox; for Sunday school children and youth; for the elderly whose wise counsel is sorely needed in all ages; and for all ecumenical endeavors that seek to bring us closer to each other and to you.

**God of all goodness, hear our prayer.**

For Earth and all creatures and plants; for healthy water and air and soil; for policies and laws that regard our home in God's universe as a precious gift.

**God of all goodness, hear our prayer.**

For our families, our households, and our communities, that your life together - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - may show us the like importance of each of us, and so strengthen us in your grace and truth.

**God of all goodness, hear our prayer.**

For those who are troubled in heart by the persistence of injustice in our country and throughout the world. Help us to stand in solidarity with those who grieve and for all who hope for a better tomorrow. For equal opportunities in the workplace, for equal access to healthcare, and for equal treatment with the criminal justice system.

**God of all goodness, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those who suffer in any way; for those who struggle to pay rent or a mortgage; for those who have no home; for those who are neglected and abused in our communities; for people who long for family and are

instead alone; for children who do not have a good guide to raise them up; and for whatever else you see that we need.

**God of all goodness, hear our prayer.**

For the men and women who earnestly endeavor to keep our communities safe and free of violence. For police officers who serve tirelessly and well without receiving the appreciation that they deserve.

**God of all goodness, hear our prayer.**

For all who wrongly believe that violence or wealth is the proper way to secure our collective future. May we remember our devotion to the Suffering Servant, the Prince of Peace, who lived simply, faithfully, and nonviolently, refusing to return evil for evil even in death.

**God of all goodness, hear our prayer.**

For all those needs still unnamed but placed before you now,

**God of all goodness, hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we entrust all that is of concern this day, sure that you hear our pleas, grateful that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray this in the name of the Savior, Jesus Christ, 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 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north; But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord Close binding humankind.

3. Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God Are surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;  
All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

The eternal Creator calls us.  
The risen Savior sends us.  
The dynamic Spirit empowers us  
to make disciples for Jesus Christ.  
May you go in the peace of Christ to love and to serve.

Voluntary      Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

James Pethel

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

**The Flowers In The Chancel** are given today to honor Jordane Schooley, a 2020 graduate of the University of San Diego. Jordane is the daughter of Dave & Claudine Schooley and the grand-daughter of Art and Jean Schooley. Congratulations, Jordane, on your accomplishments!

**Virtual VBS 2020** is going to happen! Won't You Be My Neighbor? Will be online and the link for it will be sent to you on Sunday, July 5. Register first at our website (look under education, children & teens). Once registered, sign-up for a time slot during which you will drive through the back-door church parking lot (on July 5 or 6) to collect the supplies and instructions you will need. We will be building virtual neighborhood, one building at a time. We will be sending a large box home with you that will be turned into a building in our neighborhood. Once created by your inventive child send a picture of it and we will "make" a neighborhood with all the pictures. We will also be thinking about what it takes to be a good neighbor through music, bible stories and added activities.

We remain a community even if we can't meet together now, and we look to leaders who show compassion and empathy, like Fred Rogers. We may be physically distant but we don't want to be socially distant. Join us online!

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*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."*

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.

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, Sheila Svoboda, Claudine Schooley, Mallory Gray and Dave Bodnar. **Wednesday** - Pastor Jon, Mallory Gray, Debby Evrard and Dave Bodnar. **Thursday** - Debby Evrard, Sheila Svoboda and Dave Bodnar. **Friday** - Pastor Jon and Claudine Schooley.



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