

13th Sunday After Pentecost



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

**or on Monday on our church
website at
westminsterakron.org**

*We welcome you to Westminster's
online 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

Pavane

Paul Drayton

*Call to Worship

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

Praise the Lord!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 488

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

1. The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, The God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, Forever blest.

2. Your spirit still flows free, High surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old, And You speak still.
Established is Your law, And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea, or land.
3. You have eternal life Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, And still the same!

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

Jesus Christ overcame evil with good so that all people might be saved from sin.
Let us then confess our need for grace, confident of God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name 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

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

*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

The apostle Paul encourages us: do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. In loving service to this loving Lord, we now return to God a portion of the bounty God has provided.

Musical Reflection For I Will Consider My Cat Jeoffrey Benjamin Britten
(from *Rejoice in the Lamb*) Elizabeth Crabtree, soloist

For I will consider my Cat Jeoffrey. For he is the servant of the living God, duly and daily serving him. For at the first glance of the glory of God in the East he worships in his way. For this is done by wreathing his body seven times round with elegant quickness. For he knows that God is his saviour. For God has blessed him in the variety of his movements. For there is nothing sweeter than his peace when at rest. For I am possessed of a cat, surpassing in beauty, from whom I take occasion to bless Almighty God.

*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

Holy Spirit, who spoke to Moses from the burning bush, speak to us now in the reading and proclaiming of your word. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

New Testament

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Second Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

Old Testament

1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." 4 When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7 Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." 13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':
This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

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

Sermon

With You

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord. “Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.” The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prayers of the People

Creating, Redeeming, and Sustaining God, we give our thanks for the men and women who go on doing their duty in the face of loneliness, monotony, misunderstanding, and danger. We pray for those who serve our city, state, and nation at hazard to their lives: all first responders and, in the age of COVID-19, all who are on the front lines of the pandemic and thus serving amid constant risk.

We pray for soldiers and sailors who at any moment are either bored or scared but who stay at their post and do what they must. Bless their courage with the peace that they, and we, are praying for. Forgive us if we ever take for granted what others are doing so that we can live in peace and safety. Make us the kind of people who appreciate these blessings.

We expect others to show courage in the line of duty. If, once in a while, we must stand up and show a little courage of our own, help us to set an example by being the kind of people Christ has called us to be.

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 539 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise ELLERS

1. Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
 With one accord, our parting hymn of praise.
 We stand to bless Thee ere our worship cease,
 And, now departing, wait Thy word of peace.
2. Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
 With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 That in this house have called upon Thy name.
3. Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
 Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

*Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace:
have courage; hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
help the suffering; honor all;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May Almighty God,
who creates all good,
redeems all evil,
and hears all prayer,
be with you and all people in suffering and in hope.

Voluntary Toccata in Seven John Rutter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers On One Pedestal are given in loving memory of Linda Hawkins by her husband, Larry and their children, Kelly, Michael, and Bethany.

The Flowers On The Other Pedestal are given in honor and loving memory of John Dana Chapman, by his daughter, Harriet D. Chapman.

The White Rose Last Week was in memory of Harriet Cutler who entered eternal life on August 21.

The White Rose Today is in memory of Gene Dickerson who entered eternal life on August 24.

Adult Education Plan to join us as we study John's unique and often quoted Gospel beginning on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7-8 pm via Zoom. Contact Rae Leonard at leonardrae4@gmail.com or 330-256-9316 so she can send you the link.

First Sunday Food Drive-In/Drop-Off Collection – September 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Items Needed:

Boxed Macaroni & Cheese Mix	Rice or Pasta Side Dishes (Knorr, Near East, Zatarains)
Canned Chicken Breast	Canned Vegetables (Green Beans, Corn, Carrots, or Mixed)
Jell-O Gelatin	Canned Fruit (Peaches, Pears, or Fruit Cocktail)
Peanut Butter/Jelly	Canned Soup (Vegetable, Tomato or Chicken Noodle)
Packaged Muffin Mix	Packaged Cookie or Brownie Mix

Thank you for your generosity!

Script September/October Deadline Our next Script newsletter will feature church events from September 13 - October 31. The absolute deadline for articles and pictures is TODAY, Sunday, August 30. Thank you in advance for your submissions.

The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.
Staff schedule in the office: **Monday** - Pastor Jon, Claudine Schooley, Debby Evrard and Dave Bodnar. **Tuesday** - Pastor Jon, Claudine Schooley, Debby Evrard, Sheila Svoboda, and Dave Bodnar. **Wednesday** - Debby Evrard and Dave Bodnar. **Thursday** - Claudine Schooley, Debby Evrard, Sheila Svoboda, and Dave Bodnar. **Friday** - Pastor Jon and Claudine Schooley.



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