

# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost



**September 27, 2020  
at 10:30 a.m.  
on Facebook **Live****

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

## COME

Opening Voluntary                      Variation I on “King’s Weston”                      William Bates

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

\*Call to Worship                      Psalm 9:1-2                      Kate Clark

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

\*Hymn 148                      At the Name of Jesus                      KING’S WESTON

1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now,  
‘Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2. Humbled for a season, To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners, Unto whom He came,  
Faithfully He bore it Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious, When from death He passed.
3. Bore it up triumphant, With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures, To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead, To the Lord's own breast;  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.
4. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With the Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

## ENCOUNTER

### Call to Confession

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or how poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' 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

People of God, our sins are forgiven. The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God. Therefore, let us humble ourselves to the will of God for the glory of the Lord.

\*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.**

Moment for Ministry                      Peace and Global Witness Offering

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

The works of the Lord are wondrous indeed. Let us offer back to God a portion of what has been given to us, for the glory of God's name.

Anthem                      We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight                      Mark Hill

*We walk by faith, and not by sight, Although no gracious words we hear  
From Christ who spoke as no one ever spoke, We still believe that He is near.*

*We cannot touch His hands or side, nor follow where our master trod; but still  
by faith, in His promise we rejoice and still proclaim "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith renewed abound, That we  
may call on You whenever You are near, and ever seek where You are found.*

*That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear and perfect light, we may  
behold our Savior face to face, and love in full with endless sight. We walk in  
faith until that day when faith shall be made sight.*

\*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, fill us with your Spirit and humble our hearts so that we can hear your Word. **Amen.**

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” 24 Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 26 But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” 27 So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28 “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go.

31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

Sermon

A Question of Authority

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,  
**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O God, who is ever present, you hear our cries and are ever faithful in your mercy. We come to you with our concerns for ourselves, our community, and the world.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For our church and its leaders - fill them with the spirit and mind of Christ so that they would serve you and others.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For our local community, our nation, and the global society that we inhabit - enable our leaders to make decisions for the sake of people and not profits, to serve others and not themselves.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer with sickness, sadness, bereavement, anxiety, or abuse - envelop them in your love and help us to be their community.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we know that you walk with us, and you answer when we call. With gratitude and trust, we pray in Jesus' name. **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.**

## Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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MARION SM with refrain

Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865

Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
2. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant-ing as ye go;  
3. At last the march shall end; The wea - ried ones shall rest;  
4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.  
From youth to age, by night and day, In glad-ness and in woe.  
The pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.



\*Charge and Benediction

Beloved, let this mind be in you  
That was also in Christ Jesus.  
Love the Lord and serve others for the glory of God.

May the God who is always near  
bless and keep you on your journey.  
Glory, honor, and praise be  
to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
now and always.

Voluntary

Variation VI on "King's Weston"

William Bates

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers On One Pedestal** are given by Debbie Rutan in loving memory of her husband, Reverend Moss Rutan.

**The flowers On The Second Pedestal** are given in loving memory of Dr. William Brideweser who entered life eternal on September 26, 2017.

**Peace And Global Witness Offering** On Sunday, October 4, World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are the one body of Christ, who share God's abundance at tables near and far. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here at home and around the world. Through our participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community. This year, the Outreach Committee and Session approved that 25 percent of the Peace and Global Witness Offering will support the Family Resource Centers at Robinson CLC and Helen Arnold CLC. To learn more about these centers, please visit <https://www.uwsummit.org/FRC>.



Please give generously. Additional information about the Peace and Global Witness Offering can be found at:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/>

**First Sunday Food Drive-In/Drop-Off Collection** – October 4 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.

## **CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for September 27 – October 3, 2020**

### **Sunday, 9/27**

9:15 am           Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
10:00 am        Tween Sunday School via Zoom  
10:30 am        Worship Service on Facebook Live  
12:00 pm        Youth Group in the Celtic Garden

### **Monday, 9/28**

7:00 pm           Bible Study via Zoom

### **Thursday 10/1**

9:30 am           Staff Meeting via Zoom  
7:00 pm           Adult Education via Zoom

### **Saturday 10/3**

8:00 am           Food For Life (Kitchen)

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



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