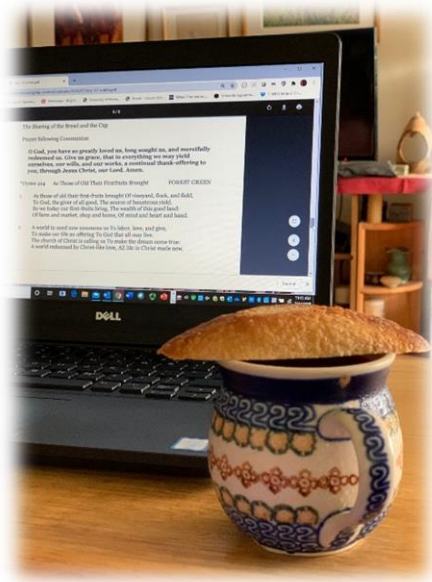


18th Sunday After Pentecost



***A Prayer For World Communion Sunday**
Triune God, you have called us to live in unity
with each other and with our brothers and sisters
around the world. Help us to sense that our love
for Jesus binds us together. May our worship be a
witness to the kind of unity that comes through
Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**October 4, 2020
at 10:30 a.m.
on Facebook **Live****

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

COME

Opening Voluntary

Ave Verum

Everett Titcomb

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.

Today, we will be celebrating The Sacrament of Holy Communion together. Please have your bread and juice nearby and be prepared to partake at the appropriate time.

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.

*Call to Worship

Brad Hall

Across the barriers that divide race from race:

reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide rich from poor:

reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures:

reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide Christians:

reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old:

reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears that deny and betray our prayers. Enable us to see the causes of strife, remove from us all senses of superiority.

Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children.

*Hymn 442

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

1. The Church's one foundation Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three in One,
She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.
From heaven he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with thee.

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our errors and is gracious to forgive our hidden faults.

Prayer of Confession

God, you have called us to live together in community, regardless of ethnicity, economic status, or popularity. Yet we prejudge one another, refuse to love one another, and victimize one another.

We cry on behalf of the world. Lord, have mercy. God, giver of all life, you fearfully and wonderfully made us and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life. Yet we endanger the lives of those who are defenseless, and oppress those who are powerless. We cry on behalf of our world. Lord, have mercy. Pardon us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith. Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we 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

Lord, you promise abundant life to all who live together in Christ. As we receive our shared offerings this morning, we ask that you would transform these gifts for the common good and building of your kingdom. We humbly ask that you will use our gifts to strengthen our unity and deepen our witness and healing presence in this needy world. In the spirit of Paul's letter to the Philippians, let us strain forward to what lies ahead, and offer ourselves to God.

Anthem Love Bade Me Welcome (George Herbert) David Hurd

*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eye'd Love observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything.*

*A guest, I answered, worthy to be here: Love said, "You shall be he."
I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.*

Love took my hand and smiling did reply, "Who made the eyes but I?" Truth, Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame go where it doth deserve. "And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?" My dear, then I will serve. "You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat:" So I did sit and eat.

*Response 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

Valerie Thorson

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 19:7-8

God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul; your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes. May your Spirit illumine this Word that our eyes may be opened and our souls revived. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-6

New Testament

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

New Testament

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members,

yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

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

Sermon

Worldwide

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

From east and west, from north and south, people will come and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.

Loving God, you made this world marvelous for us to enjoy. You gave Jesus to be our Savior and friend and to bring us to you. You sent your Spirit to make us one family in Christ. For these gifts of your love we thank you, and we join with angels and saints in this joyful hymn of praise:



The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the sharing of the bread that we break and the cup that we bless may be for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may seek the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ, our Lord. As this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and those grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Come, Lord Jesus!

Spirit, come - come and live in us: **in this bread, in this cup, in your people, one with Christ, one in ministry, in this place, in every place; in this world, in the world to come.**

In one voice, let us offer the words of 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.

Words of Institution

"The bread of life." "The cup of salvation."

Communion Motet Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Prayer following Communion

Most gracious God, we are in awe of your great gifts to us, experienced here at this table. You have given your Son that we might live, you have fed our spirits with bread and cup, you have made us one body with all your children. We are renewed today in

our commitment to loving service that we may become partners in building your kingdom in this world. We ask that your love will shape our love, that we may reach out to others as Jesus Christ has reached out to us. Hear us, accept our thanks, and continue to walk with us. In the name of him who gave himself for us, 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,
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - 'ry-where Their high com - mu - nion find;
3. Join hands then, brothers of the faith, What-e'er your race may be!
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;



But one great fel - low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
His ser - vice is the gold-en cord Close - bind-ing all man - kind.
Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

*Charge and Benediction

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.

May our Lord Jesus Christ who prayed that we would be one, even as he and the Father are one, so grace you with God's Spirit that you may grow in grace and fellowship and discover joy in walking together as part of Christ's body - so that the world may know of God's love for us in Christ.

Voluntary

Postlude on "Aurelia"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers In The Chancel are given by Bridget and Rob Gilbert in memory of Bridget's grandparents, Julius and Ann Nemeth.

Peace And Global Witness Offering Today, 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. Please give generously, online on WPC's website, or by mail sending your check to the church.

First Sunday Food Drive-In/Drop-Off Collection is today 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 November/December Deadline is October 13. Please send your articles and pictures to our new communications coordinator, Adam Kalcic, at wpcsmmedia1250@gmail.com. Claudine Schooley will continue to be responsible for the content of the bulletin, while Adam serves as the primary contact for the church newsletter. Next Sunday, we look forward to including Adam's photo and biography for you as part of the weekly bulletin.

Unveiling Of The New Pastoral Portraits of The Reverend Dr. "Bill" Markley, The Reverend Dr. Clifford Hayes, and The Reverend Derek Starr Redwine will take place on Sunday, October 11 during the online worship service.

CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of October 4–10, 2020	
<p>Sunday, 10/4 - World Communion Sunday</p> <p>9:00 am Youth Group via Zoom</p> <p>9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:00 am Tween Sunday School via Zoom</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Service on Facebook Live</p> <p>1:00 pm Food Collection with the Youth (Back parking lot)</p> <p>Monday, 10/5</p> <p>7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>Wednesday, 10/7</p> <p>7:00 pm Properties Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>Thursday 10/8</p> <p>9:30 am Staff Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Education via Zoom</p>

The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.



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