

Christ the King



**November 22, 2020
at 10:30 a.m.
on Facebook **Live****

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

COME

Opening Voluntary

O Praise Ye the Lord

Charles Callahan

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.

*Prayer of Adoration

Liam Hauerwas

We praise you, great God, for you are the ruler of the universe and have sent your Son to be King of the kings.

We rejoice that Christ has triumphed over all the powers of this world and governs the nations in justice and righteousness.

We celebrate the victory of his life, death, resurrection, and ascension to honor and might at your side.

By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, establish Christ's rule in every land and in every heart.

Accept our homage as we offer our lives in the service of Christ's kingdom.

He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark,
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side, rich
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways from
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time; cre -

how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own! A -
 wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no
 pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab-sorbed in prayer and praise. His
 a - tor of the rol - ling spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime. All

wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but
 reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet fair
 hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy

hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love, feed, and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. 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

However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ 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.**

Moment for Ministry Ed Labbe/Christmas Baskets

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

In gratitude for the immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

Anthem Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Arr. James Kirkby*

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress; Praise God still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless; Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

Angels, in the heights adoring, you behold God face to face; Saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*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

The First Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

New Testament

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Second Lesson

Matthew 25:34-40

New Testament

34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

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

Sermon

In a Mirror

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

from the Belhar Confession

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the widows; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Our Shepherd satisfies our needs; in faith,
let us pray to the Lord, saying,
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the church...
As you have made Christ the head of all,
help us to live faithfully as his body,
continuing his mission in the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the earth...
Let all the earth make a joyful noise to you,
a song of praise to the rock of our salvation,
for you are coming to reveal a new creation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for all nations...
Drive out those wolves in sheep's clothing
who abuse the weak and scatter the flock.
Come and save us; bring justice and peace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord our God, we pray for loved ones...
Remember the people of your pasture:
rescue the lost, bind up the broken,

heal the sick, and feed those who hunger.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Shepherd, lead and guide us
in green pastures and by still waters,
in right paths and through dark valleys,
until we feast with you in glory
and dwell in your house forever;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -
ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
thron - to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

*Charge and Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Serving faithfully until Christ comes
to welcome his people home.

May the grace of Christ surround you,
the love of God astound you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you,
this day and forevermore.

Voluntary

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Robert Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers on one Pedestal are given in loving memory of Mary Seiberling Chapman by her daughter, Harriet D. Chapman.

The flowers on the second Pedestal are given by Mr. and Mrs. Richey Smith in loving memory of Martha and Thomas W. Smith.

Children Services Needs for Christmas 2020 In recent years, on Pageant day we bring gifts forward to help supply the Toy Room for Children's Services foster parents. Instead, this year, because of the pandemic they have requested gift cards in \$25.00 and lower denominations for department stores and online retailers. We will be collecting the cards on December 6 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. during the 1st Sunday Food Collection. Please be generous and bring your food contribution and gift cards that day!

Email Scam Your Pastor's email address was targeted by scammers pretending to be Pastor Jon Hauerwas. He was "spoofed". The bogus emails often include the name of the local pastor and a legitimate looking email address. But a closer look should raise some red flags! For example, the email address isn't the one normally used by your Pastor, and the service provider is different, too. The message may begin with a simple "Hi," but doesn't include a recipients' name. There also may be spelling errors, including the pastor's name. Thanks for remaining vigilant.

Church offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving Holidays.

Zoom Fellowship Sunday, November 29 serves as both the conclusion of Thanksgiving weekend and as the First Sunday of Advent. With Covid-19 cases on the rise, and Summit County now under a stay-at-home advisory, we imagine that many of you are longing for connection. We invite you to join us that day at 4 p.m. for a church-wide Zoom fellowship. This is the Zoom link to take part: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81015631993?pwd=MLRlSFRaVlpGZjYwR1FRTGFQVkpOUTo9> Meeting ID: 810 1563 1993 - Passcode: 444018. It will be also in your Sunday Update. We look forward to seeing you then.

CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of November 22–28, 2020	
<p>Sunday, 11/22</p> <p>9:00 am Youth Zoom Conversation</p> <p>9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:45 am Tween Sunday School via Zoom</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Service on Facebook Live</p> <p>Monday, 11/23</p> <p>7:00 pm Bible Study Zoom Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, 11/24</p> <p>7:00 pm Session Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 11/26 & Friday 11/27</p> <p>Church Offices Closed</p>

Giving Online During these difficult times, the church remains grateful for your faithful support. To give electronically on WPC website click under the tab "online giving" and use this QR Code.



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, Debby Evrard, Sheila Svoboda, and Dave Bodnar. **Wednesday** - Debby Evrard, Claudine Schooley, 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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