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Prelude Meditation on “Morning Has Broken” David Powers  
*Bob Carlyon, Guest Organist*

*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).*

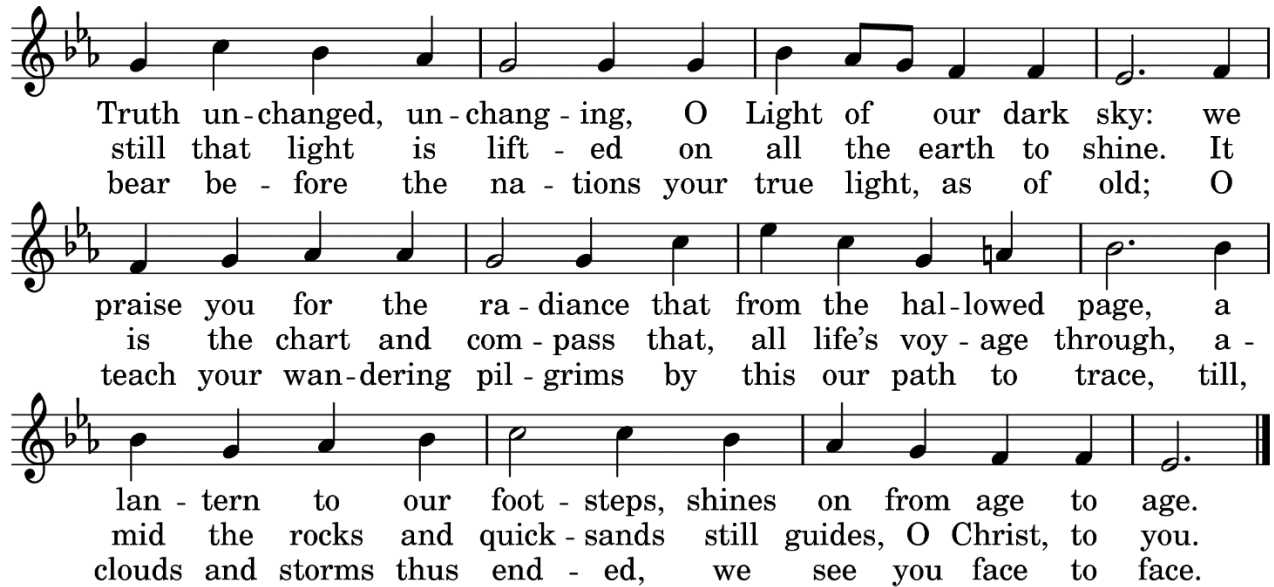
I know that you can do all things, O God, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

O magnify the Lord with me.

\*Hymn 327                      O Word of God Incarnate                      MUNICH



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high, O  
2 The church from you, dear Sav-ior, re-ceived this gift di-vine; and  
3 O make your church, dear Sav-ior, a lamp of pur-est gold to



## ENCOUNTER

### Call to Confession

When we gather to praise the Lord, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to God's. Accepting the power to become new people in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us. We have put our longing for money, success, or happiness above the desire for you and your kingdom. We worry about what others will think, what we wear, how our reputation can be polished. We make idols out of the winning record of a sports team, the next promotion at work, the perfect family, the cleanliness of our house, or the latest technology. We are careless with our words, saying things we don't mean, things that are hurtful to our children or friends. We are so busy with our lives that we forget our every breath depends on you. Free us from unreasonable expectations of ourselves and others, from the need to compete, and from loss of perspective so that we may glorify you in all we think, say, and do. 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

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

\*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

Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our financial resources so that our treasure is in heaven and our giving pleases God.

Anthem                      Help Lord, My Faith                      Arlen Clarke

*Help Lord my faith, my hope increase, and fill my portion in thy peace,  
Live ever Bread of love and be my life, my soul, my surer self to me.*

*Come love, come Lord, and that long day for which I languish, come away,  
When this dry soul those eyes shall see, and drink the unseal'd source of thee.*

*Rise Royal Sion rise and sing, Thy soul's kind shepherd, thy heart's king,  
Give love for life nor let my day grow, but in new powers to thy name, and praise.*

\*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

## GROW

### Prayer for Illumination

O God, our guide, set your path clearly before us and lead us to follow you willingly for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Ephesians 2:4-10

New Testament

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us  
5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with  
Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated  
us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come  
he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in  
Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not  
your own doing; it is the gift of God— 9 not the result of works, so that no one  
may boast. 10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Second 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.”

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

Sermon

Fulfilling God's Plan

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## SERVE

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Invitation

John 6:35

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

#### 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 and for the work of Christ.*

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us you made the world we inhabit, and before the world you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular and all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely and all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our knowing, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life, which informs our living, for his compassion, which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking, which contradicts our generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life and breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even now confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

\*Hymn 138            "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!"

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a repeat sign. The third staff ends with a double bar line. Above the third staff, there is a small annotation 'vv. 2,3'.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! ear - ly in the  
morn - ing our song shall rise to thee; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!  
mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of the Holy Spirit.*

God of all power, send your Holy Spirit upon us, that in sharing the bread we may share in the bread of life and that in sharing the cup we may share in the cup of

salvation. Grant that, being joined together in Christ Jesus, we may become united in faith and in all things grow in discipleship to the glory of Christ, our Lord.

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."

Prayer following Communion

**You have fed us, Lord, and we are grateful. Allow us to respond this day, and in the days to come, with hearts made ready, eyes made open, hands made strong, and feet made willing to do your will in this place, and in all the places to which you call us. Amen.**

Consecration of Pledges

*The same God who created, sustains, and redeems us has a plan for our lives. Whatever the triumphs or challenges of our earthly journey, we are called to commit ourselves to Christian discipleship. Thank you for answering that call in the midst of a global pandemic through your generous support of the programs, ministries, and missions of Westminster Presbyterian Church.*

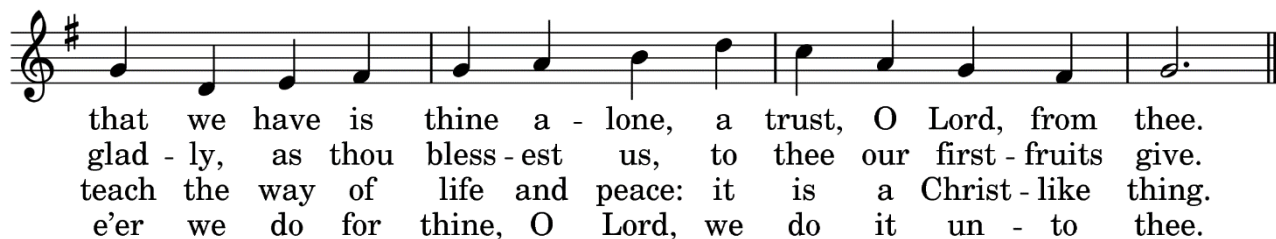
\*Hymn 428

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be; all  
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive, and  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring, to  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be; what-



**\*Charge and Benediction**

May the love of God enfold us.

**May the grace of God uphold us.**

May the power of God set us free

**to love and serve all God's people.**

Now to God, who by the means of the power working in us

is able to do so much more than we can ask or even think,

to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all times,

forever and ever.

Postlude

Chorale on "Kingsfold"

David P. Dahl

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Bob Carlyon's bio**

*Bob Carlyon has been involved in church music for the past 55 years, retiring from the UU Church of Akron in December of 2019. Previously he served Fairlawn-West UCC as director of music for over 20 years. In addition he taught music for 35 years, retiring from Revere Local Schools in 2014. He is now a happy member of the Westminster choir!*

**Veterans Day Flowers in the Chancel** are given by Roger Nelson in remembering the 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918, ending World War I. They are also given in memory of his father, Hilding A. Nelson, Mus 3, 305<sup>th</sup> Engr, 80<sup>th</sup> Division, and in honor of all Westminster members who have served in the military in every conflict since then.

### **CORRECTION**

The 2020 Acme Fresh Market Community Cash Back program will support the selected ministries of Presbyterian Women.

The November/December Script mistakenly reported that the Outreach Committee would manage the program this year.



## CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of November 8–14, 2020

### **Sunday, 11/8 Consecration of Pledges**

9:00 am Youth Zoom Meeting  
 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 9:45 am Tween Sunday School via Zoom  
 10:30 am Worship Service on Facebook Live

### **Monday, 11/9**

7:00 pm Book Discussion Zoom Meeting  
 7:00 pm Bible Study Zoom Meeting

### **Tuesday, 11/10**

7:00 pm Properties Zoom Meeting

### **Wednesday, 11/11**

6:00 pm Outreach Zoom Meeting  
 7:00 pm Discipleship Zoom Meeting

### **Thursday 11/12**

9:30 am Staff Zoom Meeting  
 10:00 am PW Coordinating Team (WHH)  
 7:00 pm Adult Education via Zoom

## **Volunteer Opportunities at Westminster**

- **Third Sunday Dinner** reopened on August 16<sup>th</sup> for the first time in several months as a drive through service. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen, run food to the pickup point and distribute meals. You can sign up on WPC website or call Rob Gilbert 330-310-0564 or by email at [rgilbert@kent.edu](mailto:rgilbert@kent.edu).
- **Christmas Basket** delivery will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday December 12. Drivers are needed to deliver “baskets” (box, bag, milk, ham, potatoes and Bible) to individual residences vetted by the Salvation Army in Summit County. Please respond to Ed Labbe at [elabbe@roadrunner.com](mailto:elabbe@roadrunner.com).
- **Food Distribution** occurs on the third Sunday of every month from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. as a drive through service. Volunteers are needed to pack grocery bags and distribute the bags to the needy. Please contact Shelley Koutnik by email at [skoutnik@infionline.net](mailto:skoutnik@infionline.net) or call 330-864-2422 if you can help.
- **Giving Tree Collection** is scheduled for Sunday, December 6, Sunday, December 13 and Sunday, December 20 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Donors are encouraged to drive through our driveway to the back door of WHH where volunteers will receive the gifts of hats, gloves and scarves which will decorate the Giving Tree. If you are available for this ministry, please contact Shelley Koutnik by email at [skoutnik@infionline.net](mailto:skoutnik@infionline.net) or call 330-864-2422.
- **Office Volunteers** help the Office Administrator by preparing mailings of the Script, Stewardship correspondence and general mass mailings from the church. Please contact Claudine Schooley at the church office, 330-836-2226, or at [wpcoffice1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpcoffice1250@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to this team.
- **Video Needs** If you are able and willing to video record teachers leading Godly Play stories or portions of the Christmas pageant, please contact Adam Kalcic at [wpcsmedia1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpcsmedia1250@gmail.com).

*Note: All volunteer activities at Westminster require wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. We all want to stay safe and stay well while we serve our church and community. Please protect yourself and others.*



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