

3rd Sunday after Epiphany



**January 24, 2021
at 10:30 a.m.
on Facebook **Live****

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

COME

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on “Sicilian Mariners”

Gordon Young

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.

*Call to Worship

Kate Huisinga

From God comes my salvation.

For God alone my soul waits in silence.

God alone is my rock and my salvation.

God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

*Hymn 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer - cy
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud thy
a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our sal -
keep-eth; by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch-ful eye ne'er
tress-ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, our peace and joy and
prais-es, that all may hear the grate-ful song my voice un-wea - ried
va - tion. With heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and
sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of God's might, lo!
bless - ing, as with a mo - ther's ten - der hand God
rais - es. Be joy - ful in the lord, my heart; both
ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
gent - ly leads the cho - sen band:
soul and bod - y, take your part:

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God.

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. 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

This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life.

*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

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us.

Anthem I Will Arise and Go to Jesus Shaw/Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above, Praise the Mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

I will arise and go to Jesus...

*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

Valerie Thorson

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples.
Amen.

The First Lesson

Psalm 62:5-12

Old Testament

- 5 For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
6 He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
7 On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
8 Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.
9 Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
10 Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
11 Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
12 and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all according to their work.

The Second Lesson

Mark 1:14-20

New Testament

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."
16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.
20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People

God of new visions, we pray for people highly placed in power, that they may focus their eyes on you. And we pray for the lowly victims of power, that they may also focus their eyes on you.

We pray for those who bless with their lips but curse with their mouths, including ourselves.

We pray for those who are ill and those facing the end of life. Give them the gift of prayer, that they may pour out their hearts to you.

We pray for the church and its leaders, that we may hear and respond to your call to be fishers of people.

Rock of our salvation, through Christ and your Holy Spirit bring us into the new world that you are shaping even as this world is passing away. **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.**

*Hymn 538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing SICILIAN MARINERS



1 Lord, dis-miss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy-ful sound;
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug-gling pil-grim way,
let us each, your love pos-sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace.
may the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a-bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

O re-fresh us, O re-fresh us, trav - eling through this wil-der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

*Charge and Benediction

Repent and believe the good news that God is with us and calls us for a purpose!
May the God of second chances renew your sense of call and inspire you to go out
and share the good news of forgiveness and hope!

Voluntary

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of January 24 - 30, 2021	
Sunday, 1/24 9:00 am Youth Zoom Conversation 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 9:45 am Tween Sunday School via Zoom 10:30 am Worship Service on Facebook Live 7:00 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom	Monday, 1/25 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study Tuesday, 1/26 7:00 pm Session Zoom Meeting Thursday, 1/28 9:30 am Zoom Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Zoom Adult Education

Giving Online During these difficult times, the church remains grateful for your faithful support. To give electronically on the 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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