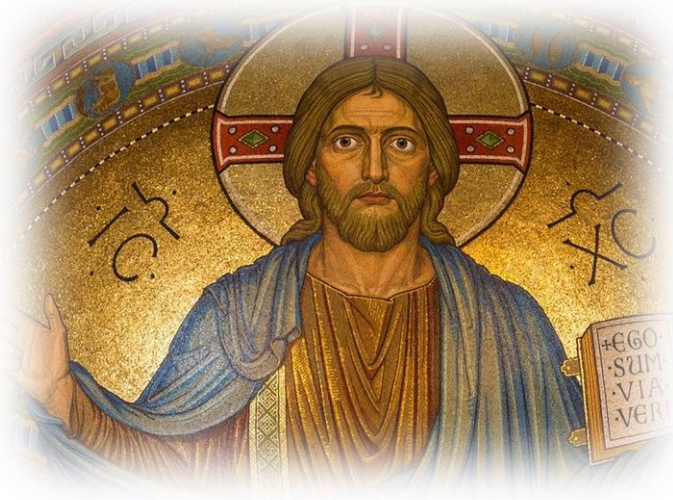


Transfiguration of the Lord



**February 14, 2021
at 10:30 a.m.
on Facebook **Live****

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

COME

Opening Voluntary

Christe, Redemptor Omnium

C. Hubert Parry

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

In your wisdom, O God, you call us to worship you.

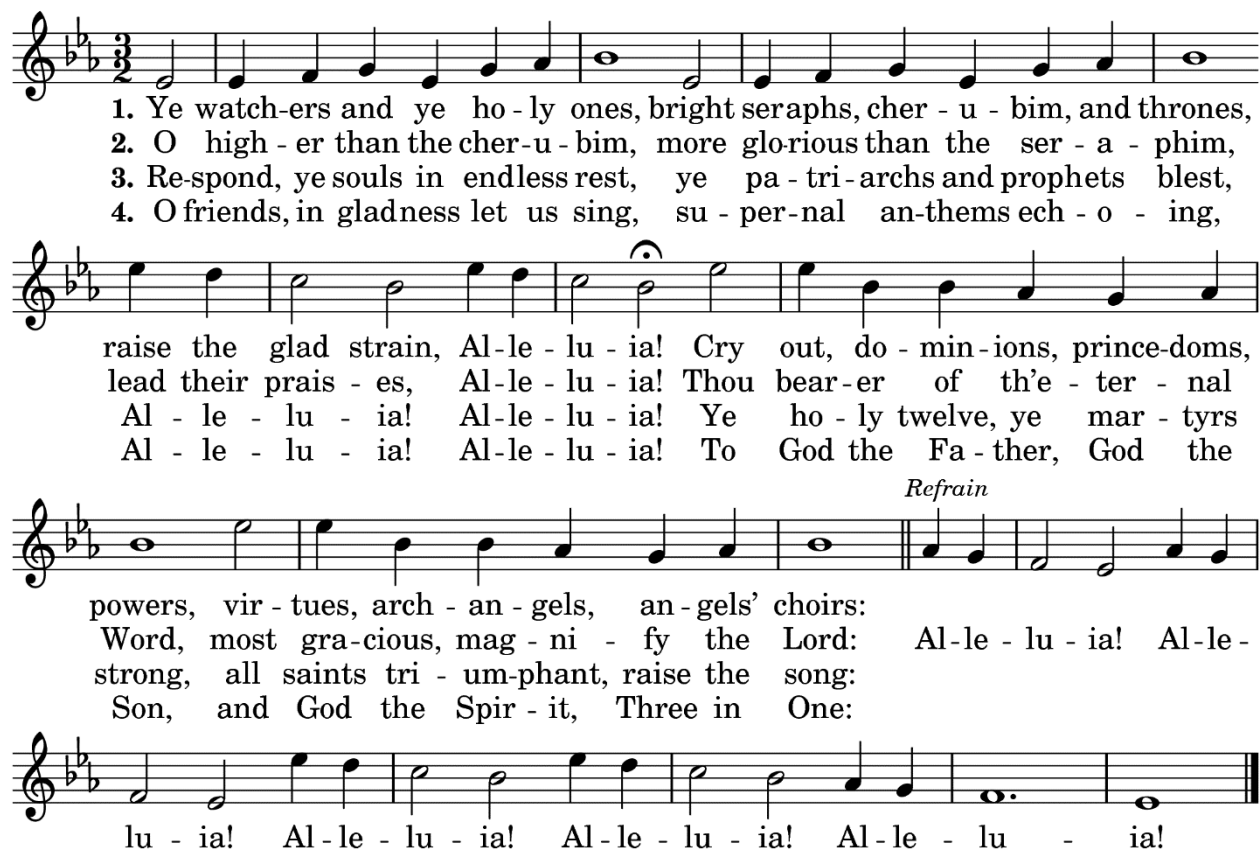
We gather, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We listen, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be always watchful of your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

We watch and wait for the Word of God.



1. Ye watch-ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright seraphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones,
 2. O high - er than the cher-u - bim, more glo-rious than the ser - a - phim,
 3. Re-spond, ye souls in endless rest, ye pa - tri - archs and prophets blest,
 4. O friends, in gladness let us sing, su - per - nal an-thems ech - o - ing,

raise the glad strain, Al-le - lu - ia! Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 lead their prais - es, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou bear - er of th'e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! To God the Fa - ther, God the

Refrain

powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels' choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:

lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect; God alone is judge. Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us. Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you - to hide our faces, to hide our sin - yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you - in temples, in clouds, in mountaintops - yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Our God comes and does not keep silence; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child.

This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*Response 567

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory 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

The God who speaks and summons the earth into being now speaks to us, calling us to offer up our lives as a sacrifice of praise.
Let us bring now our gifts and offerings to God.

Anthem

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

David Schelat

Paul Stewart, congas

Praise the Lord, God's glories show. Alleluia, gloria! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia, gloria! Angels round the throne above, Alleluia, gloria! All that see and share God's love, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, gloria!

Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia, gloria! Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia, gloria! Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia, gloria! Praise God, praise for evermore! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, gloria!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia, gloria! Praise his providence and grace, Alleluia, gloria! All that God for us has done, Alleluia, gloria! All God sends us through the Son, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, gloria!

*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

Sheila Svoboda / Love Matters

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalm 50:1-6

Old Testament

- 1 The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
- 3 Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.
- 4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
that he may judge his people:
- 5 “Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.

The Second Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

New Testament

- 2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,
- 3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.
- 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.
- 5 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
- 6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Sermon

A Voice

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

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.

Generous God, overflowing fountain of good, you made room for creatures, creating life through the mediating Son and the hovering Spirit, pouring out value on all that you made -

You honored humankind with the breath of your life, making us in your image and likeness, to care for the earth in stewardship and love, to live together in hospitality as a daily reminder of your abundance. You crowned us with virtue and honor and are now renewing us in your image through the work of your Son. You bless inside a world of curses. You heal inside a world of wounds. You save inside a world bent on being lost. We thank, praise, and honor you, generous God, overflowing fountain of good.

Together let us sing:

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 Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, he lived as one of us, yet was without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

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.

Christ is the bread of life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your life, ministry, death, and resurrection, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

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.”

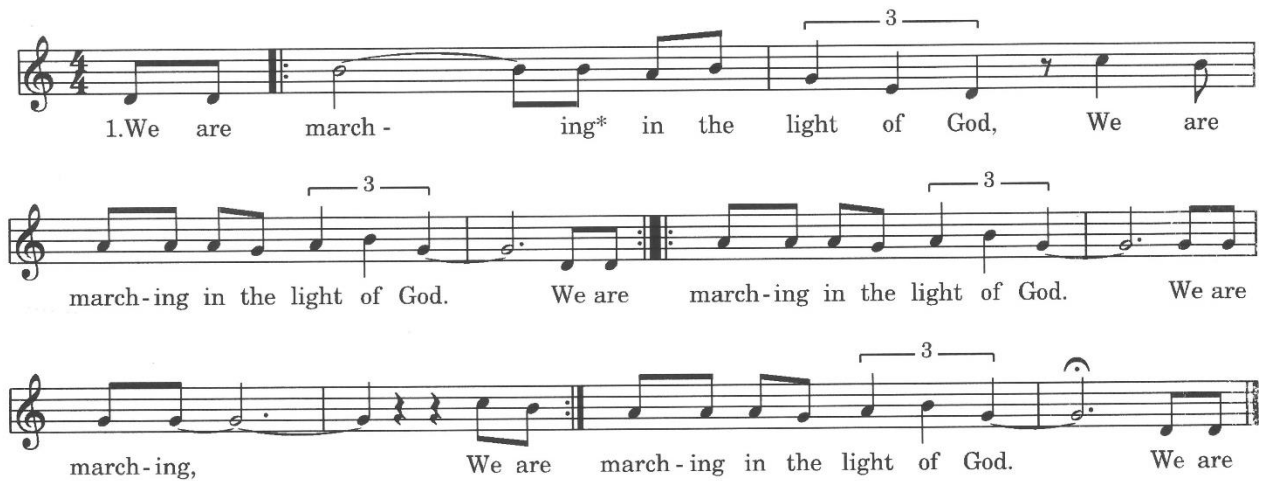
Communion Hymn Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

(Sung by the choir)

Prayer following Communion

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

*Hymn We Are Marching in the Light of God SIYAHAMBA



**singing/dancing/praying*

*Charge and Benediction

Now go and tell the good news:
the Lord of life and light is with us;
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
The very face of God shines upon you
with beauty, blessing, and peace.
Alleluia and Amen!

Voluntary Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth

Felix Mendelssohn
Ben Hayes, tenor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers In The Chancel are given by Peggy and Marc Messaros in memory of their parents, Frances and Carlos Matthews and Katherine and Jess Messaros.

All Church Zoom Fellowship Event will be today at 4:00 p.m. to exchange virtual Valentines with your WPC friends. Join Zoom Meeting at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83386863268?pwd=TmMwQ2IvMlVkbnlNdUNzUExMb3ZFZz09> - Meeting ID: 833 8686 3268 - Passcode: 218758.

Outreach Committee's Survey Please remember to complete the Outreach Survey you received in the February/March Script. Your opinion is important to us. If you have already replied, thank you for your participation.

CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of February 14 - 20, 2021	
Sunday, 2/14 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 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal for Ash Wednesday Service 4:00 pm Church Fellowship Event via Zoom Monday, 2/15 6:30 pm Women's Evening Circle via Zoom 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	Wednesday, 2/17 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service on Facebook Live Thursday, 2/18 9:30 am Zoom Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Zoom Adult Education Saturday, 2/20 8:00 am Food For Life in the Kitchen

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, and Dave Bodnar. **Friday** - Pastor Jon, Claudine Schooley.