

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



**April 18, 2021  
at 10:30 a.m.  
on Facebook **Live****

**or on our church website  
at [westminsterakron.org](http://westminsterakron.org)**

## COME

Opening Voluntary                      Largo (*New World* Symphony)                      Antonin Dvorak

*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](http://westminsterakron.org).*

\*Call to Worship

Kara Hauerwas

The bread of life opens our eyes.

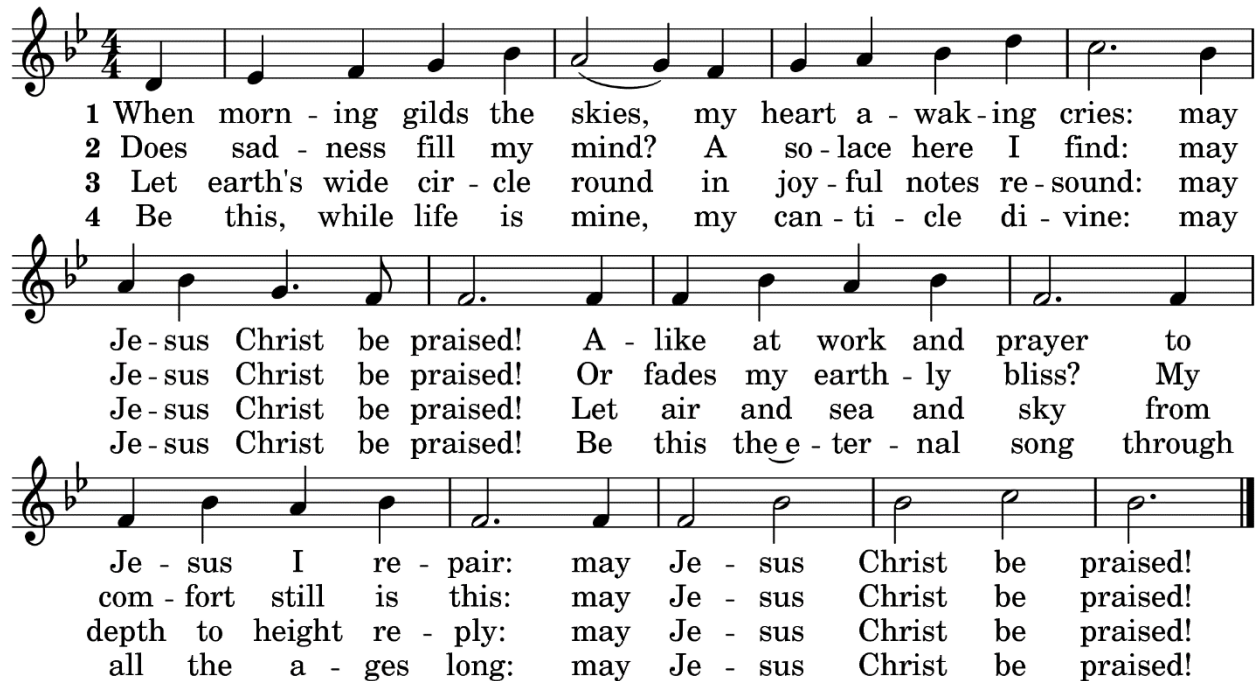
**The word of life opens our ears.**

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

**and by those wounds we are healed.**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries: may  
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I find: may  
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re - sound: may  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine: may

Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer to  
 Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss? My  
 Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from  
 Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song through

Je - sus I re - pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 com - fort still is this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 depth to height re - ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

## ENCOUNTER

### Call to Confession

The One who calls us to repent, hears us.  
 In trust that our Creator knows us through and through  
 let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

### Prayer of Confession

**Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. 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

In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard. God's promises are sure: your sins are forgiven. Peace be with you.

\*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

As Jesus gave himself fully for us and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace, so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others through our tithes and gifts.

Solo

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness

Antonin Dvorak  
*Joel Rhoads, baritone*

*I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery.*

*Every day will I extol Thee and will bless Thy Holy Name, I will bless Thy Holy Name.*

*Great is God and great God's mercy, Who shall tell of all God's greatness? Who shall God's power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing.*

*Yea, we shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory.*

\*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.**

## GROW

### Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. **Amen.**

#### The First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

New Testament

12 When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 17 “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. 19 Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

#### The Second Lesson

Luke 24:36b-48

New Testament

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate in their presence. 44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.”

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

Sermon

What’s for Supper?

The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby

## SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

**This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for us according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.**

Prayers of the People

God has made the One who was rejected the cornerstone of a new community. In the name of Jesus Christ, let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,  
**hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Holy One, as the risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures and gave them power through the Holy Spirit to walk boldly in this world, open your people today to the healing, wisdom, and faith given in your Word;  
**hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Prince of Peace, as Christ Jesus showed his wounded hands and feet to the terrified apostles, reveal to your church, and to people of prayer in every faith, the wounds of our neighbors, the fears of individuals and families, and the avenues toward healing;  
**hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Author of life, we beg for peace among nations, peace throughout communities, peace within families. Guide leaders and voters, legislatures and parliaments, judges and juries. Teach diplomacy and let our ways be formed so that all creatures, plants, and people may have plenty;  
**hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Light in our darkness, let your brightness burn in places shrouded in violence. Reveal the pains that are hidden in secret. Unveil the needs of our own hearts so that we may know the power of vulnerability. Your Son was raised to life even from the grave. Show us again that life comes from death;  
**hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Healer of our every ill, we pray for all who are in need, for refugees of war and all who are displaced by storms, for rescue workers and medical teams, for those whose bones are weary, for those who show us the power of community to give hope to the frightened, and for all who have asked for our prayers;  
**hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

You command us to bring to you our deepest desires, O God, and we pray now for those people and concerns that lie on our hearts.

*A time of silent prayer is observed.*

**Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend into your care all for whom we pray, and our own lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 329

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines.

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst  
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me, as thou didst

break the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
bless the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,



### \*Charge and Benediction

The word of God assures us:  
what we will be has not yet been revealed.  
Live, therefore, with hope,  
share your joy,  
withhold your anger,  
shed your disappointments,  
turn to all people with gentleness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you,  
shine upon you with grace and mercy,  
and give you what is needed for each new day.

Voluntary

Psalm 100

J. Heinrich Knecht

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby is Pastor of Furnace Street Mission. She worked for BFGoodrich for 18 years before following the call to ordained ministry.**

**The flowers In The Chancel** are given by the Samuel Laferty family in memory of Debbie's parents, Warren and Jean Grable.

**The White Rose in the Chancel Today** is in memory of The Reverend Diann Santschi who entered eternal life on March 31, 2021.

### Monthly Financial Report

March 2021	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$81,498.32	\$55,235.16	\$213,913.79	\$144,217.98
Total Expenses	\$39,323.04	\$49,645.15	\$119,584.27	\$147,256.77
Net	\$42,175.28	\$5,590.01	\$94,329.52	(\$3,038.79)

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending March 31, 2021.



**Women's Evening Circle** will meet Monday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Kristy Yates at [ksjyates@gmail.com](mailto:ksjyates@gmail.com) to get the link to connect.

**Zoom Fellowship Gathering** Immediately following online worship Sundays, April 25 and May 16 at 11:30 am until noon, pastor Jon will facilitate a friendly space for congregation members to chat using Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85689002825?pwd=RWRyUC82a2tuWWo1SnFyZStMS0FQQT09> - Meeting ID: 856 8900 2825 - Passcode: 493434

***Today Food Distribution starts at 1:00 p.m. & the Free Hot Meal Dinner for the community is at 5:00 p.m.***

CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of April 18–24, 2021	
<p><b>Sunday, 4/18</b></p> <p>9:00 am Youth Zoom Conversation 9:45 am Tween Sunday School via Zoom 10:30 am Worship Service on Facebook Live with Sandy Selby Preaching 1:00 pm Food Distribution 5:00 pm Third Sunday Dinner/Free Hot Meal distribution</p> <p><b>Monday, 4/19</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Women's Evening Circle via Zoom 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study</p> <p><b>Tuesday, 4/20</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Endowment Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm Task Force Zoom Meeting</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, 4/21</b></p> <p>7:00 pm Deacon Zoom Meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday, 4/22</b></p> <p>9:30 am Zoom WPC Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Zoom Adult Education</p> <p><b>Saturday, 4/24</b></p> <p>10:00 am Zoom Pride Meeting</p>

**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.



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