



Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

**April 4, 2021
at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook **Live****

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

COME

Opening Voluntary

“Deo Gracias”

Arr. David Johnson
Ethan Symonds, trumpet

We welcome you to Westminster’s online worship service this Easter morning. 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.

Introit

Regina Caeli, Laetare

Gregorian Chant

*O Queen of Heaven, be joyful, Alleluia!
For He whom you have humbly borne for us, Alleluia:
Has arisen, as he promised. Alleluia!
Offer now our prayers to God. Alleluia!*

*Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3-5

Liam Hauerwas

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Hymn 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to-day, our tri - um-phant
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! un - to Christ, our
3 But the pains which he en-dured, our sal - va - tion
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, praise e - ter - nal

ho - ly day, who did once up - on the cross,
heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia! who en-dured the cross and grave,
have pro - cured. Now a - bove the sky he's King,
as God's love. Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,

suf - fer to redeem our loss.
Al - le - lu - ia! sin - ners to redeem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an-gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

Prayer of Confession

If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found:

God forgive.

When we wash our hands of responsibility:

God forgive.

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver:

God forgive.

When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

God forgive.

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Hymn 106, verse 1

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Give - praise to His Name. Je - sus is Lord of all the -
earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion. Al - le

Assurance of Forgiveness

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Response 567

Glory Be 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

Greet one another saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

With compassion for our needs, the Risen One stands beside us, calling our names. Let us, with that same mercy, bring forth tithes and offerings to relieve the suffering of this world and to proclaim far and wide the good news of resurrection life.

Anthem

Lift High the Cross

Arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lead on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore his sacred name.

*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

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. From everlasting to everlasting you are God. Speak to us now as you have spoken to us throughout the ages. On this glorious Easter, reveal yourself and your will for our lives, that we might live as your Easter people. We seek your face, O Lord; hear our prayer through Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord; and she told them that he had said these things to her."

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

Sermon

When Everything Changed

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Resurrection has begun! The Day of Celebration is here! Alleluia!
We gather at the table to share in the Banquet of Life!
Here we join with all who share with us the hope for a brighter future!
All who wish to follow The Way of Life are welcome to eat and drink at God's table.
We are one in Christ, this day and forevermore.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!
We should give thanks!
Thanks and praise to the One who brings life!

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth. You brought forth the human race and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation, but we turned against you and betrayed your trust.

Your mercy is like a spring that never fails. You, in Christ your Son, have come to deliver us: you redeem us in your love; you create new heavens and a new earth where the cry of distress is heard no more.

Placing our trust in you, together let us say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Eternal God, we praise you that glory has dawned on us and brought us into the day of resurrection. We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth.

We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness. By your Spirit lift us from doubt and despair and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and that all we have may show forth his love.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

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

Now the Green Blade Riseth

NOEL NOUVELET
(sung by the choir)

Prayer following Communion

Glory to God the Father, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and crowned him with glory and honor. Glory to God the Son, who lives to plead our cause at the right hand of God and who will come again to make all things new.

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 human beings 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.

*Hymn 118

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a-broad, the
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right the
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin; the

Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God. From
 Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light, and
 round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in. Let
 death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free, our
 lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain, his
 all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend, for
 Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

*Charge and Benediction

As we depart this time of worship, I invite you to go from here renewed and strong, knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty, and present.
 Look for the blessings that await you this week.
 Weep with those who weep.
 Rejoice with those who celebrate.
 Tell the story of hope.

Now may the truth of the empty tomb -
 the astonishing reality of Jesus' resurrection -
 keep you sure that you will see the Resurrected One
 again and again in this life.
 May the power of God's endless love
 surround you and guide you,
 this day and always.

Voluntary

Hallelujah! (*Messiah*)

George Friderick Handel

Funding for trumpeter Ethan Symonds was provided by the Seiberling Fund for Music.

2021 Easter Lily Memorials and Gifts

Westminster Presbyterian Church sincerely appreciates those members and friends who have contributed in honor or memory of their loved ones, making possible the lovely Easter decorations in the Sanctuary.

The Easter lilies will be distributed after the service to our member residents of Rockynol, Concordia and homebound members.



In honor the church staff & volunteers who have dedicated their time & passion to keep Westminster present for all of us from John & Bonnie Childs

In loving memory of Jon M. Daugherty from Ellen Daugherty

In loving memory of Mildred Sweet, Frances Toth & Richard Sweet from Tracy McLean Ehrler and in honor of Gordon & Patricia McLean from Pierce, Jensen and Tracy McLean Ehrler

In loving memory of Thomas W. Fisher from Polly Fisher & family

In loving memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Sears from Sandra Gruneich

In memory of my parents, Elmer & Jessie Jackson, and my sister, Ruth Beckwith from Eleanor Humphrey

In loving memory of my grandparents Dr. & Mrs. E. Henry Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Wiegand W. Jensen from Nancy Keogh

In memory of David Wolf from the Bain Malone family

In memory of our grandparents & Zoe's great-grandparents Hanna, Melver, Tutt and Ward from Cathy & Kevin Melver

In memory of Martha D. Nelson from Roger H. Nelson

In memory of loved ones from Pat Schumacher

In loving memory of Glenn & Ruth Clark and Whitey Wahl from Marian Wahl

In loving memory of Robert J. "Bob" Werner from Shirley Werner & family

In loving memory of Claude Wilton by Anna Marie & family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WPC Children's Ministries/First Sunday Food Collection In a typical year we would pass out the fish boxes for One Great Hour of Sharing for a Lenten practice for children. This year, it was placed in your Lent in a Bag. There has been nothing normal about this year! Therefore, we are collecting the coins and Fish Banks today during the 1st Sunday Food Collection. There will be Outreach members and Tweens collecting food AND Fish Banks at the Education Wing door from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thank you for your flexibility in all that we have tried to accomplish this year!

VBS 2021 Compassion Camp The dates are July 12 to 15. We are not sure yet if it is going to be in-person or virtual. Mark your calendar.

Time Off Pastor Hauerwas will be on vacation next week and on study leave the following week. For pastoral care needs, please contact our main office. The Reverend Sandy Selby will be preaching on April 11 and April 18. There will be no Bible study on Mondays, April 5, and April 12.

From Session/Worshiping In-Person At the last session meeting, on March 23, resuming in-person worship on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary was approved.

Confirmation Sunday On Sunday, May 9, 2021 the Westminster students will be officially received into membership in the life of the church.

New Members If you are interested in joining our membership please contact our pastor at jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com or call the church office at 330-836-2226.

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.



There will be no choir rehearsal, Sunday, April 11, 2021.

CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of April 4–10, 2021	
Sunday, 4/4 Easter 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary 10:30 am Worship Service on Facebook Live 1:00 pm First Sunday Food Collection and Children's Fish Banks Easter Lily Distribution	Thursday, 4/8 9:30 am Zoom WPC Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Zoom Adult Education

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.