

Trinity Sunday



**May 30, 2021
at 10:30 a.m.**

You Tube
LIVESTREAM

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

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Opening Voluntary Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit Dietrich Buxtehude

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.

You can find a copy of today's bulletin on our church website at westminsterakron.org.

*Call to Worship

Alec Works

Jesus prayed that we, the church, would be one, just as he and the Father are one.

Today we offer our praise and prayer together, as one body, in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In harmony, let us glorify God.

Blessed be to the Eternal Majesty, Living Word, and Abiding Spirit.

1. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y! Ear - ly in the
 2. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee, cast - ing down their
 3. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee, though the eye of
 4. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y! All thy works shall
 morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
 gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; cher-u - bim and ser-a-phem
 sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see, on - ly thou art ho - ly;
 praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Mer-ci - ful-and might-y, God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty!
 fall-ing down be - fore thee, which wert, and art, and ev - er-more shalt be.
 there is none be - side thee, per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 Mer-ci - ful and might-y, God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty.

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the One who gives life eternally.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. 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

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: we have received a spirit of adoption. Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out, for you are God's beloved children - forgiven, loved, and free. May God's peace be with you.

And also 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

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that all who love him may have life eternally. With loving hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

Anthem Sanctus (*St. Cecilia Mass*) Charles Gounod
Ben Hayes, tenor soloist

Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus, Sanctus, Sanctus Deus Sabaoth.
(Holy, Holy Lord, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth).

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
(Heaven and earth are full of thy glory).

Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus, Sanctus, Sanctus Deus Sabaoth.
(Holy, Holy Lord, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth).

Hosanna in excelsis. Amen.
(Hosanna in the highest. Amen).

*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

Zachary Troyer

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

Old Testament

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.
5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Second Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

New Testament

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.
7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.
8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.
11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sermon

The Savior Is the Creator - and Vice Versa

The Reverend Dr. George Murphy

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Eternal God, we pray for the world, that through the reconciling love of Christ our destructive and violent ways may cease, as you bless your human family with peace.

We pray for the mission of your church, that empowered by your Spirit we may proclaim the good news of the age in the world you so dearly love.

We pray for all who suffer, that together with Christ in his suffering we may find healing as he did, as he was raised and exalted in you.

We pray for your creation, that as it groans for its redemption we may care for its well-being through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

We remember before you those who have died and pray for those who will die today, that through your glorious redemption that ends all suffering they may rest with you eternally.

Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we praise you, God God, now and forever. **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

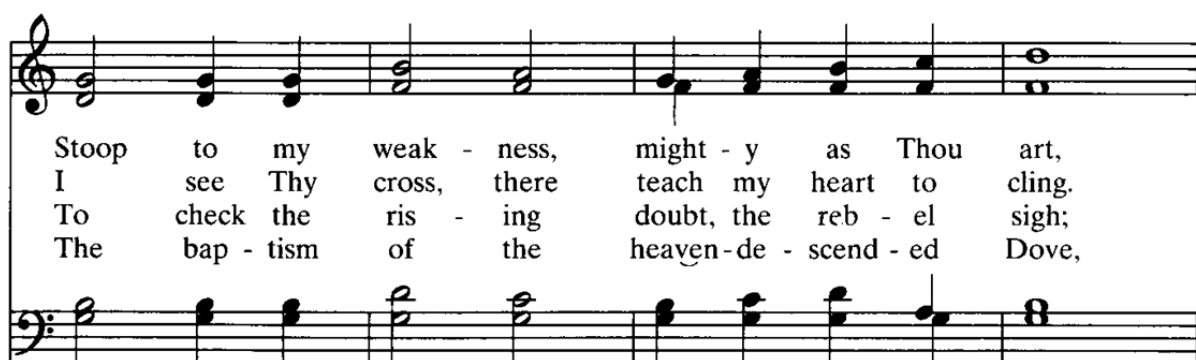
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**



1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
 3. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
 4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,



Wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art,
 I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling.
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,



And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
 O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

*Charge and Benediction

God said, "Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us?"
And Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me!"
Life-giving God, free us from our fear,
fill us with your love, and send us forth in peace.

May the Lord give strength to the people.
May the Lord bless the people with peace!
And may the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and restores, be with you
now and always.

Voluntary

Festival Piece on "Nicaea"

Jerry Westenkuehler



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend George Murphy is a retired Lutheran pastor who served St. Mark Lutheran Church in Tallmadge (1984-1998), was a pastoral associate at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Akron (1999-2008), and continues to provide supply ministry. George's first career was in physics, and he is active in work to help churches deal theologically with issues raised by developments in science and technology. George presented Westminster's Ebert's Lecture Series in 2016.

The Flowers in the Chancel are given by Raphael Peoples in honor of all the loving members of Westminster who mean so much to him.

First Sunday Food Collection is scheduled for June 6. It will not be collected during the service but food can be dropped off at a table in WHH where Tweens will be available to accept your donations. If you are not attending the service, you can place your donation during the hours that the church is open in the big wood box in the coatroom. Food collection at the back door of the CE building will cease with the June 6 collection. Suggested items are:

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| Canned Tuna Canned Green beans, corn or carrots Rice/Pasta/with Cheese side Mix Canned soup (Vegetable, Tomato or Chicken Noodle) Cereal Peanut Butter | Canned Chicken breast Macaroni and Cheese Mix Canned fruit (peaches, pears or fruit cocktail) Jell-O gelatin or pudding Muffin mix Jelly |
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Thank you for your generosity, from the Outreach Committee.

| CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of May 30 - June 5, 2021 | |
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| Sunday, 5/30 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary 10:30 am Worship Service on YouTube Livestream/The Reverend Dr. George Murphy is preaching Monday, 5/31 Church Offices Closed for Memorial Day | Thursday, 6/3 9:30 am Zoom WPC Staff Meeting Friday, 6/4 2:00 pm Music Dir./Org. Search Committee Meeting in Pastor Study Saturday, 6/5 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, and Dave Bodnar. **Wednesday** - Debby Evrard, Claudine Schooley, and Dave Bodnar. **Thursday** - Claudine Schooley, Debby Evrard, and Dave Bodnar. **Friday** - Pastor Jon, Claudine Schooley.