

19th Sunday after Pentecost



October 3, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

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*At the ringing of the carillon please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.***

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Today, we are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. During this time of pandemic, you are encouraged to take a pre-made Communion packet prior to the service, which will be distributed along with your bulletin.

COME

Voluntary

For the Beauty of the Earth

Arr. Ronald Kauffmann
Adult Handbell Ensemble

*Call to Worship

Marcia Holcomb

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,

But in the last days he has spoken to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the reflection of God's glory, and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word.

Therefore we will proclaim God's name. In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.

*Hymn #476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

In God, we find light for our darkness, and through that light we discover the things that separate us from God. And so we ask God to prove us and try us, and to test our hearts and minds, that we may receive forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace beyond. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. 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

Seeing our repentant hearts, Jesus will embrace us in grace and comfort us with mercy. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. We are children of God! Live in peace!

*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

Greet both friends and strangers saying,
The peace of Christ be with you.

During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

*Greetings from The Reverend Carolyn Griffeth
from Eastminster's Committee on Ministry*

In gratitude for all God has done, we bring our offerings and tithes for the building up of God's kingdom.

Offering plates may be found as you exit the sanctuary.

Offertory

Christ Hath a Garden

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, A paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love, and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear their sweetest perfume through the air: Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, Till the beloved Master come: that he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set. That he may evermore be seen to walk mid the springing green.

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

Margo Works

Following Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergartners through 5th graders are invited to the children's choir rehearsal in room 207 with Miss Val. Miss Val and Margo will meet the children at the Sanctuary door on the lectern side and take the children to the appropriate classrooms.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors, but in these last days God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ. Open our hearts and minds to your Word, that we may see your light. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-11

Old Testament

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our
God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,
says the Lord.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher
than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not
return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and
sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return
to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed
in the thing for which I sent it.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

New Testament

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing
honor.
11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.
12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate
with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.
17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in
the sight of all.
18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of
God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."
20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give
them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals
on their heads."
21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

SERVE

Pre-made Communion packets are available for you. Please see the ushers for assistance. In keeping with social distancing protocols, the congregation will not be coming forward to receive the elements. Instead, you are encouraged to receive the elements in your pew at the appropriate time.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Luke 13:29

From east and west, from north and south, people will come and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God.

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.

It is right and fitting that we should give thanks to you, almighty, everlasting God, by whom you made the world and all things living and beautiful. We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and calling us to be your people. We thank you that you did not abandon us in our rebellion against your love, but sent prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation. Above all we thank you for sending Jesus to deliver us from the way of sin and death by the obedience of his life, by his suffering upon the cross, and by his resurrection from the dead. We praise you that he now reigns with you in glory and ever lives to pray for us.

We thank you for the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth, enables us to witness to our Lord with joy, and out of every people unites us into one holy church. Therefore with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth we worship and glorify you, God most holy.

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.

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we share your heavenly meal; nourish us with your grace so that we are strengthened to do your work in this world; unite us with you so that we are renewed; and join us with your covenant people throughout time and space so that all divisions will be healed. May we gratefully and joyfully remember that Jesus, our Savior, lived, died, and rose to give us new life and make us new creations in him. May we live in the hope we discover through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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.”

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymn #504 Draw us in the Spirit’s Tether
UNION SEMINARY

Prayer following Communion

O Lord, our God, we give you thanks for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ and for filling us with joy in this sacrament. Lead us toward the full visible unity of your church, and help us to treasure all the signs of reconciliation you have granted us. Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us in the world to come, may we all one day share together the inheritance of the saints in the life of the heavenly city. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

*Hymn #142 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name! CORONATION

*Charge and Benediction

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Voluntary Fantasy on “Coronation” Finn Videro

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Cathy Ulrich is currently serving Eastminster Presbytery as General Presbyter and Stated Clerk. She and her husband Tom lived in Denver for two years where Cathy was the Interim Stated Clerk of Denver Presbytery and Tom was pastor of Georgetown Presbyterian Church. Cathy and Tom were co-pastors of Central Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas for 20 years. Cathy served 3 churches in Arkansas and one in Texas. Cathy and Tom love hiking, baseball, concerts, and plays which makes Northeast Ohio an ideal place to call home.

The Flowers in the Chancel are given by Bridget and Rob Gilbert in honor and loving memory of Bridget's grandparents, Ann and Julius Nemeth.

Youth's Fall Event Youth (Grades 7-12) will go to Maize Family Farm in Hartville. They will meet at the church on Saturday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m. Don't miss out!

Concert 5@5 Andrew Sords WPC's 5@5 concert series presents Andrew Sords on October 10, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. American violinist, Sords has a celebrated career as a soloist on 4 continents. Having collaborated with 300 orchestras, he has been cited for combining visceral virtuosity with a ravishing tone, while international critics endorse Sords as "*a fully formed artist*" (Kalisz-Poland News), "*utterly radiant*" (Canada's Arts Forum), and "*exceptionally heartfelt and soulful*" (St. Maarten's Daily Herald). Sord's program will consist of romantic violin tunes and bohemian favorites. Visit his website at <http://www.andrewsords.com>



There is no Bible Study Zoom meeting on Monday, October 4.

For the most recent CDC guidance, we encourage you to visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Westminster's policy presently includes the following:

- Masks are now optional for all vaccinated adults. Unvaccinated adults are asked to continue masking.
- Masks are also optional for children and youth of every age, whether they have been vaccinated or not. This is at the discretion of the parent or guardian of the child or youth.
- Solos and congregational singing will continue both with and without masks.
- We will continue to observe social distancing measures, and the ushers will assist worshippers with seating in the sanctuary. The pews where worshippers are asked to sit are marked with a green sticker. If you would prefer to sit at a greater distance from others, please inform an usher who can guide you to a place where you will feel more comfortable.
- We have returned hymnals, Bibles, and giving envelopes to pews with green stickers. Offering trays and fellowship pads will not be passed at this time. Offering trays may be found at the entrance to the worship space.
- Livestreaming services will continue on YouTube.

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.



Calendar of Church Events for the week of October 3—9, 2021

Sunday, 10/3 World Communion Sunday

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Parenting group on Johnstone Patio
- 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & on YouTube Livestream
Children's Choir in Choir Room
The Reverend Cathy Ulrich is preaching
First Sunday Food collection (before and after Service)
- 11:40 am Outreach Meeting in Room 106

Tuesday, 10/5

- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Chancel

Thursday, 10/7

- 9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Saturday, 10/9

- 1:00 pm Youth's Fall Event at Maize Family Farm in Hartville



Staff Schedule in the Office:

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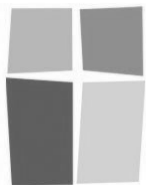
Volunteers:

Kristy Yates, Director of Adult Bell Choir

Finance Office: Shelley Koutnik. Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact wpctreasurer1250@gmail.com for assistance.

The Church Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.



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