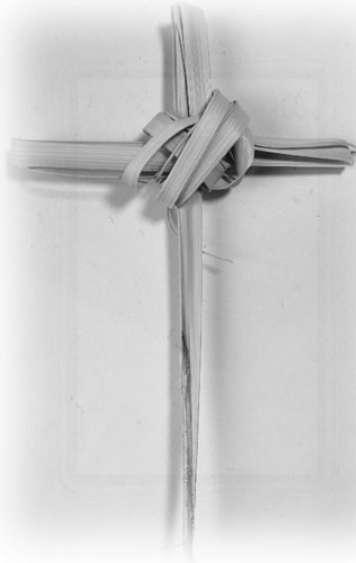


**1st Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**



At the ringing of the chimes 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.

Please rise in body or spirit.

Follow us also on



or on our church website at westminsterakron.org

Voluntary

Prière à Notre-Dame

L. Boëllmann - Op. 25

*Call to Worship

“The Open Gate” by David Adam

The Reverend David Aber

Lord, open our eyes

And we shall behold Your glory.

Lord, open our ears

And we shall hear Your call.

Lord, open our hearts

And we shall know Your love.

Lord, open our hands,

And we shall show Your generosity.

Lord, open our lives,

And we shall reveal Your glory.

Introit

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Scott Soper

Choral Scholars

*Hymn 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIN

Call to Confession

Kinsie Willis

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, few of us misunderstand you all of the time,

but all of us misunderstand you some of the time:

Your thoughts on happiness; Your ideas on giving;

Your way of making whole.

These are not always our ready choices. Give us faith, we pray, to risk a dangerous hope, to be ready to think as you teach, and to act as you lead.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is observed.

*Response Hymn #78 Alas! And did My Savior Bleed Verse 1
**Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news!
Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

*Response Hymn #181 Come Sing to God Verse 1
**Come sing to God O living saints, Sing praises to God's
name. God's anger is not permanent, God's love will never
wane. Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of
deepest pain, Yet joy comes with the morning sun, A peace
that is not vain.**

*Passing the Peace
The Peace of the Lord be with you. **God's Peace 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

Offertory Jesus, So Lowly Harold Friedell

*Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new
birth. Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love
maketh glad. Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love
will not fail. Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how
glorious death is to be.*

*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

The Reverend David Aber

*Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to remain with their
families, participate in the K-6 children's choir, or visit with our childcare staff
in the nursery.*

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, silence any voice in us but your own, so that as we hear
Your Word we will take You into our hearts, our minds and our
souls. Amen.

The First Lesson

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

91:1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the
shadow of the Almighty,

**91:2 will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in
whom I trust."**

91:9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your
dwelling place,

91:10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge comes near your tent.

91:11 For God will command the angels concerning you to guard you in
all your ways.

**91:12 On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not
dash your foot against a stone.**

91:13 You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the
serpent you will trample under foot.

**91:14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who
know my name.**

91:15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

91:16 With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

*Hymn #426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak CANONBURY

The Second Lesson Luke 4: 1-13

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

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

*Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Silent Reflection and 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 #439 In Christ There Is No East or West ST.PETER

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response God Be in my head H. Walford Davies

Voluntary Herzliebster Jesu Helmut Walcha

**These responses will be used during Lent.
Serving as liturgist today is Kinsie Willis.*

Announcements

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday In March we highlight the maintenance and improvement of our properties. Those who are dedicated to the upkeep of our church facility, those who negotiate business contracts, assess facility needs, perform ongoing maintenance and upgrades to the church facility, grounds, and parking areas, Properties Committee members and Flu Clinic Coordinator.

The Flowers in the Chancel Today are given by Lisa and Carlton Boush in loving memory of Marylyn Park.

Tween Service and Fellowship Event Sunday, March 13 the Tweens will have lunch after worship, followed by car-pooling to Christ Woodland Church's food pantry.

Youth Fellowship Event Saturday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m. the youth will have lunch and games in the Youth Room. Feel free to bring a favorite game!

Calendar of Church Building Events For March 6—13, 2022

Sunday, 3/6 - First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group - Youth Choir
Youth Teachers' Meeting
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
Children's Choir in Choir Room
First Sunday Food Collection
- 11:40 am Outreach Committee Meeting in Room 106

Monday, 3/7

- 7:30 pm Safety & Security Taskforce Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, 3/8

- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Properties Committee Meeting in WHH

Wednesday, 3/9

- 7:00 pm Discipleship Zoom Meeting

Thursday, 3/10

- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Friday, 3/11

- 5:30 pm Concert University of Akron Choirs

Sunday, 3/13 - Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
Communion - The Reverend George Murphy
is preaching
- 11:30 am Tween Service event

March 7 to 14, The Reverend David Aber will be on vacation.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.
- Weekly deadline for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.
- **April/May Script deadline is Tuesday, March 15, 2022.**

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Westminster's policy presently includes the following:

- *The rise of the Omicron COVID variant has necessitated review of Westminster's church service safety policy. Session has agreed to require masks for all worshipers until further notice.*
- *Seating in alternate pew rows will continue.*
- *Please dispose of your used masks in the trash receptacles located in Wright-Herberich Hall.*



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