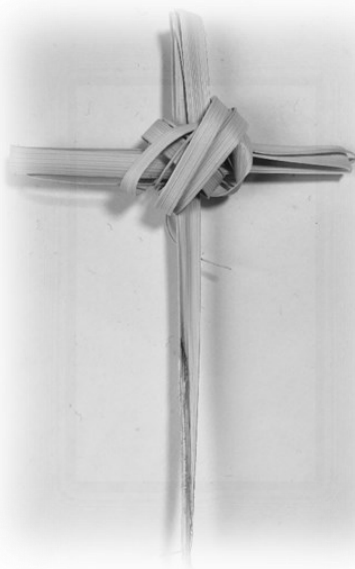


**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**April 3, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**



*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.*

***Bolded text is read or sung by all.***

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**Follow us also on**



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

Voluntary

Prelude on St. Columba

Healey Willan

## Call to Worship

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**we were like those who dream.**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

**We rejoiced: “The Lord has done great things for us.”**

May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
**come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Introit

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart  
Choral Scholars

\*Hymn #483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Call to Confession

Brad Hall

## Prayer of Confession

**Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. 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

\*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.**

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering      Food Collection

Moment for Ministry      Becky Pool/One Great Hour Of Sharing

Offertory      Kyrie, Sanctus and Benedictus      "from Mass in G"  
Franz Schubert

\*Response 592      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

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

\*Hymn #84      In the Cross of Christ I Glory      RATHBUN

Prayer for Illumination

Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are  
weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always  
coming home to you. For all this and more, we thank you in  
Jesus' name. As we hear your Word proclaimed, bring us closer  
to your divine Presence on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

The Lesson      John 12: 1-8

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

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

Affirmation of Faith

Installation of Church Officers

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 #281

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

\*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

A Parting Blessing

J. Jerome Williams

*May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face. May the rain fall soft upon  
your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of  
his hand.*

Voluntary

Prelude en forme de Carillon

Theodore Dubois

*Instrumentalists for today's service:  
Emily Rode and Alicia Tremmel, violin  
Marlene Moses, viola  
Greg Fiocca, cello  
Ole Latham, bass  
Nik Stackpole, organ*

*Funding for today's musicians was provided by the  
Brideweser Music Endowment Fund.*

*Serving as liturgist today is Brad Hall.*

## ***Announcements***

**Volunteer Recognition** In April we recognize Worship Committee members. Those who provide leadership for our Lenten and Advent Services, Music Programs, Ushers (both adults and Tweens), Sound System Technicians, Communion Servers, Liturgists and Liturgist scheduler, Pew Crew, the Christmas Pageant, those who work in the Celtic Garden, Flower Arrangers, and those who participate in the Hanging of the Greens.

**The White Rose on the Pedestal** is for Suzanne Foltz Paskert who entered eternal life on March 23, 2022.

**The Two Quilts in the Sanctuary** are for WPC members Barb Shriner and Charlotte Staiger.

**Handicapped Parking on Sunday Mornings** Only persons with handicapped permits may use the parking spaces along the back of the church, the east side driveway, near the dumpster, and near the playground.

**To the Congregation** Please wear your name tag today!

**May Script** The monthly Script will be online on April 29, 2022. Please have your articles and pictures submitted to Claudine at [wpcoffice1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpcoffice1250@gmail.com) by Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

**Fish Boxes** The boxes will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 10.

**Hunger Walk** WPC will participate in the Hunger Walk, scheduled for May 1, 2022, and organized by the Akron Area Interfaith Council of Churches. Those interested in walking can participate on a voluntary basis. The walk will begin at the Universalist Unitarian Church across from Summit Mall and will consist of a choice of a one mile or a two mile walk. Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the walk will start at 3:00 p.m. Our youth will participate. Pledges collected will be donated to the Akron Canton Food Bank.

**First Sunday Food Collection** Exciting news! Today, we are returning to our pre-COVID style of First Sunday food collection. The children will once again spread out in the sanctuary to receive food from you. Your generosity will be appreciated---weigh down those bags!

### **Easter Calendar**

- ◆ **Maundy Thursday, April 14** at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Good Friday, April 15** will be celebrated at noon at New Covenant Community Church. Reverend Aber will participate.
- ◆ **Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022** worship service at 10:30 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Voted by Session:**

- *Masks are now optional during worship service.*
- *Coffee will return every Sunday after worship and birthday cake will be back the first Sunday of the month, starting May 1.*
- *Starting in April the Script will be monthly.*
- *8:30 a.m. summer worship will return in June and July 2022.*



## ***Calendar of Church Building Events*** ***For April 3 - 10, 2022***

### **Sunday, 4/3 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

- 8:30 am     Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am     Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am     Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:30 am    Worship Service & YouTube Livestream  
                 Glorious Music with Guest Musicians  
                 Children's Choir Rehearsal  
                 Installation of Officers  
                 First Sunday Food Collection
- 11:30 am    Annual Congregational Meeting
- 12:00 pm    Coffee Fellowship in WHH

### **Tuesday, 4/5**

- 2:30 pm     Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, 4/7**

- 10:00 am    Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm     Adult Education Zoom Meeting

### **Sunday, 4/10 - Palm Sunday**

- 8:30 am     Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am     Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am     Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:00 am    Children & Youth Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 10:30 am    Worship Service & YouTube Livestream  
                 Children's Choir & Youth Choir Sing  
                 Children's Choir Rehearsal  
                 Fish Boxes Collected
- 11:30 am    Coffee Fellowship in WHH
- 11:30 am    Worship Committee Meeting in Pastor's Study
- 11:40 am    Outreach Meeting in Room 106

**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.

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