

# Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

## April 17, 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.*

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**You Tube**

**LIVESTREAM**

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

Voluntary

Canzona Bergamasca

Scheidt-De Jong  
Paragon Brass

\*Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made!  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**  
This is the day that the Lord has made!  
**Heaven and earth will never be the same!**  
Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**  
Rejoice and be glad!  
**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Introit

Mary Magdalene

Johannes Brahms  
Choral Scholars

*Early on that Easter Day to the grave came Mary Magdalene,  
Lo, the stone was rolled away, and an angel bright was seen.  
The angel unto Mary said: "Whom then seek'st thou, Mary, blessed indeed!  
He is risen from the dead, and thine ointment doth not need."  
"Mary!" spake a voice so clear; Mary turned her at that joyful word; tis no  
gard'ner she doth hear, 'tis the voice of Christ the Lord!*

\*Hymn #123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession

Kate Clark

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from a prayer of Harris Island,  
Celtic Spiritual Verse, edited by G. R. D. McLean

**Holy Father of glory, kind Father of power,  
All thanksgiving to You, O Father of love,  
For each harvest, each favor, each aid from above  
That on us You bestow in each needing hour;  
For we are Your children, whatever may befall  
In our portion and lot and the path where we stand,  
O grant to us with it the rich gifts of Your hand,  
And the joy-giving blessing pronounce to us all.**

**God, with guilt we are filled and defilement within,  
In our spirit and in body and in our heart,  
In the thought, in the word, in the deed of our part,  
In the sight of Your eyes we are stiff-necked in sin;  
O the power of great love You put forth for our sake,  
Leap over transgressions of our far wasteland height,  
With the blood of the atonement, O wash us as white  
As the hill grass grows, as the lily of the lake.  
Grant us to see glory and to join in the song,  
In the peace, in the rest, in the harmony long,  
Where no tear shall be shed and where death has no place,  
Where no tear shall be shed and where death has no place.**

Response Hymn #121    That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR  
verse 1

*That Easter day with joy was bright: the sun shone out with  
fairer light when to their longing eyes restored, the apostles  
saw their risen Lord.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Response #579 Gloria Patri  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy  
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to  
fear. Forgiven and freed, let us share the peace of Christ with one  
another, greeting one another by saying,

**The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.**

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Offertory - Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Christ has risen! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.*

\*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

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson

Isaiah 65: 17-25

17 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

**18 But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.**

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

**20 No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, the old who do not fill out their days, for the young shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.**

21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

**22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.**

23 They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them.

**24 Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.**

25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.

**They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.**

Anthem

Now The Green Blade Rises

Noel Nouvelet  
*Setting by Joe Cox*

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.  
In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.  
Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

The Second Lesson      Luke 24: 1-12

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

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!**

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

O Morn of Beauty

Jean Sibelius  
*sung by the choir*

Prayer following Communion

\*Hymn #122

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

\*Charge

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\*Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Voluntary

Psalm 19 “The Heavens Declare” Benedetto Marcello

*Paragon Brass members: Kevin Calavan and Justin Kohan trumpet;  
Stephanie Blaha, horn; John Gruber, trombone; Christopher Blaha, tuba.  
Funding for the Paragon Brass is provided by the Enyart music endowment fund.  
Serving as liturgist today is Kate Clark.*

## ***Announcements***

**The Parking Spaces** near the church office entrance are designated for handicap parking on Sunday mornings.

**The Printed Script** will not be inserted in the bulletin but will be available on the table. The Script is also available electronically on the website and on Sunday Update with Constant Contact.

**Easter Egg Hunt** Please come at 10:00 a.m., on April 17, to the patio, for the hunt. Teens and Tweens will gather with Margo at 9:30 a.m. to set out the eggs. Each child will receive a small egg carton to use, but may bring a basket instead. Join the fun---Rain or Shine!

**Perennial Sale & Pancake Breakfast** Saturday, April 30, 2022, the Celtic gardeners will hold their Perennial Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Johnstone patio. If you have plants at home that you can divide, please consider bringing some to include in our sale. Plants can be dropped off in the Celtic Garden the week before the sale. After worship on Sunday, May 1, we will sell any remaining plants. Please contact Cindy Beidler at [cbeidler@att.net](mailto:cbeidler@att.net) with any questions. The Kiwanis pancake breakfast, "Flapjacks and Flowers", is back from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit students from Miller South Performing Arts School who will perform during the event. Advance tickets may be purchased from any Miller South student. Zoe Melver is one of the students performing that day.

**Explore WPC Scavenger Hunt** On May 1 there will be lunch after worship with a presentation from Pastor David about the interim process. Come and enjoy the fellowship and a scavenger hunt for all ages.

**Vacation Bible School** is coming on July 11-14, 2022, 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The theme will be "To Mars and Beyond: The Wonders of God's Universe". Registration will open in the coming weeks.



## 2022 Easter Lily Memorials and Gifts



*Westminster Presbyterian Church sincerely appreciates those members and friends who make possible the lovely Easter decorations in the Sanctuary.*

*Please take a lily home after the service for a family member or homebound friend.*

In honor of Dana & Justin and Drew & Lauren from Pastor David and Gwen Aber

In loving memory of my wife Dianne and daughter Kelly from Dave Allison

In honor of our loving parents, John & Ellen Blaha and Frank & Cindy Zimmerman from Chris, Stephanie, and Lizzie Blaha

In memory of Geraldine Carlyon and Adam Carlyon from Robert Carlyon

In loving memory of Henry and Mary S. Manton, J.P. and Harriet M. Seiberling, Laurance and Sylvia Chapman, and John D. and Mary S. Chapman from Harriet Chapman

In loving memory of my mother Frances Gillis Clark and aunt Janet Gillis Hansen from Kate Clark

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

In loving memory of our parents, William F. & Phyllis Spaethe and Dwight & Ariette Keller from Phil and Kris Keller

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

In loving memory of Chuck & Marilyn Labbe and in honor of Millard & Martha Manning from Ed and Laurel Labbe

In memory of Verna from Inky and Bain Malone

In loving memory of our parents, Robert P. & Anna Tutt and Robert L. & Grace S. Melver from Bill and Ginny Melver

In loving memory of our parents, Jess & Katherine Messaros, Carlos & Frances Matthews, and my brother Alan F. Matthews from Marc and Peggy Messaros

In memory of Jarema & Maria Porchowsky, Frank & Dorothy Preebe, Ernest Biegacki, and Anna Firko from Mark and Helen Preebe

In loving memory of our parents, Don & Marian Donaldson and Harry & Mary Ellen Shriner from Jim and Barb Shriner

In loving memory of Robert J. “Bob” Werner from Shirley Werner and family

In loving memory of Claude Wilton from Anna Marie Wilton and family



**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 17 - 24, 2022***

#### **Sunday, 4/17 - Easter Sunday**

- 8:30 am     Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am     Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 10:00 am    Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 am    Worship Service & YouTube Livestream/Communion
- 11:30 am    Coffee Fellowship in WHH

#### **Monday, 4/18**

- 7:00 pm     Zoom Women's Evening Circle

#### **Tuesday, 4/19**

- 9:30 am     Quilt Ministry Meeting in WHH
- 2:30 pm     Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm     Tuesday Musical Concert in the Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday, 4/20**

- 7:00 pm     Deacon's Meeting in Room 106

#### **Thursday, 4/21**

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

#### **Sunday, 4/24**

- 9:30 am     Nursery Opens - Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:30 am    Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
- Children's Choir in the Choir Room
- 11:30 am    Coffee Fellowship in WHH
- Interment of Eleanor Humphrey's ashes in Memorial Garden
- Personnel Committee Meeting in Pastor's Study

## **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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