

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 1, 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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**or on our church website at [westminsterakron.org](http://westminsterakron.org)**

Voluntary

Jubilate!

*Arr. Dan Miller*  
Adult Handbell Ensemble

\*Call to Worship

Rev. 5: 11 - 13

I looked and heard the voice of angels, thousands and thousands  
around God's throne, singing:

**Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and  
wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and  
blessing!**

Then I heard every creature on earth, and under the earth, and in  
the sea, singing:

**To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be  
blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

\*Hymn #477      Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim      HANOVER

Call to Confession

Alec Works

Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have  
done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused,  
and the truth we have denied.**

**Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with  
your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good  
news of the gospel in thought, word and deed. Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

Response

We Walk by Faith

*(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)*

*We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear  
From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe him  
near.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Let the people say,  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*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

We invite you now to greet one another saying,  
**The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.**

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Anthem

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*  
**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.*

## Prayer for Illumination

O God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight, that in these words of Scripture and sermon we may see Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

### Psalm 30

1 I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

2 **O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

3 O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

4 **Sing praises to the Lord, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

5 For God's anger is but for a moment, and God's favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

6 **As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

7 By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

8 **To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

9 "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

10 **Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!"**

11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

12 **that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

### Hymn #359

More Love to thee, O Christ    MORE LOVE TO THEE

### The Second Lesson

### John 21: 1 - 19

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

\*Affirmation of Faith

Ordination of Deacon Ed Labbe

Prayers of the People. 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 #111

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

GELOBT SEI GOTT

\*Charge and Benediction

Go to celebrate all that God has done, as Christ breathes new life into you, sending you out with the Spirit of forgiveness and faith for the life of the world.

May you be filled with the grace and peace of the God who is and was and is to come, and with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, God's faithful witness, who loves us and sets us free.

Voluntary

Praeludium in G-Moll

J.S. Bach

*Serving as liturgist today is Alec Works.*



## ***Announcements***

**Volunteer Appreciation Sunday/Discipleship** In May, we highlight the Discipleship committee and all of the volunteers dedicated to providing Christian education. This includes all of our Sunday School Teachers for children, tweens and youth, chaperones and activity volunteers, nursery volunteers, music room assistants, and our Adult Bible Study leaders.

**The Flowers in the Chancel** are given in loving memory of my husband, Whitey Wahl, and my parents, Glenn and Ruth Clark, by Marian Wahl.

**The flowers on the Pedestal** are given by Mark Nelson and Jane Nelson Hutchison in memory of Roger and Martha Nelson's 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 28.

**Food Collection Today** Any monetary donations placed in the red bags when the food is collected during the service, goes to the Food Bank as our donation to the Hunger Walk.

**Jazz Vespers** Westminster is pleased to invite you to our Jazz Vespers Service on Sunday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m., featuring the Theron Brown Trio and guests. Theron's music is inspired by "a glimpse of gospel, jazz and soul from the great legends." Come and participate in this uplifting service in collaboration with The Reverend David Aber.

**Memorial Service for Mary Jo Stasell** (*March 18, 1927—June 25, 2020.*) Mary Jo and her family were long-time members of the Westminster congregation. Family and friends will gather for a memorial service on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Westminster.



## ***Calendar of Church Building Events For May 1-8, 2022***

### **Sunday, 5/1**

- 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  
Children's Choir in the Choir Room  
First Sunday Food Collection
- 11:30 am All-Church Fellowship Event/Lunch & Birthday Cake  
in WHH with Pastor David Aber's Presentation  
Scavenger Hunt
- 2:45 pm Akron Interfaith Council Hunger Walk Off Site

### **Tuesday, 5/3**

- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, 5/5**

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

### **Friday, 5/6**

- 10:00 am Memorial Service for Mary Jo Stasell

### **Saturday, 5/7**

- 8:00 am Food For Life in the Kitchen

### **Sunday, 5/8 - Mother's Day**

- 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 - Holy Communion  
Children's Choir Sing & Meet in Choir Room
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship in WHH

## 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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### 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.*
- *8:30 a.m. summer worship will return in June and July 2022.*



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