

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 24, 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

Jesus Christ, Our Lord Redeemer

J.S. Bach

\*Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

**Give praise for God's mighty deeds!**

**Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

**Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

**Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

**Let everything with life and breath praise God!**

\*Hymn #104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

ODE TO JOY

Call to Confession

Lisa Park-Boush

Prayer of Confession

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,  
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,  
forgive us and help us to find our voice.**

**When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,  
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.**

**When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,  
join with the weak to make us all strong.**

**When we are confined by our hurts,  
touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.**

**When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,  
pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and  
give us peace. 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

\*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

Moment for Ministry

Cathy Melver/Scavenger Hunt

\*Hymn

In the Bulb

PROMISE  
*(insert)*

Time with Young Disciples

Stephanie Blaha

*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

*(unison)*

**Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of  
the first disciples, may your Word enter into us, by the  
power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may  
yet believe. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalm 118: 14-29

14 The Lord is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation.

**15 Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

16 the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

**17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has disciplined me severely, but God has not given me over to death.

**19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter through it.

**21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**23 This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**25 Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!**

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**27 The Lord is God, and God has made God’s light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

**29 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God’s steadfast love endures forever!**

Hymn #121

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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The Second Lesson

John 20: 19-31

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

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

\*Affirmation of Faith

*A Brief Statement of Faith (selections)*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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 #108

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

\*Charge and Benediction

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.  
**Amen.**

Voluntary

Christ Lag In Todesbanden

J. S. Bach

*Serving as liturgist today is Lisa Park-Boush.*

## ***Announcements***

**The Flowers in the Chancel** are given by the Samuel Laferty family in memory of Debbie's parent, Warren and Jean Grable.

**The flowers on the Pedestal** are given by Rebecca Mullin Cardina and family with loving memories of her parents, Marjorie Mullin (with the fabulous hats) and Bill (big Stetson) Mullin. *Love lasts as long as we remember!*

**WPC 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.

**Committal Of Ashes Service** Following this morning's worship service, the family of Eleanor Humphrey invites the congregation to a brief Committal of Ashes service in the Memorial Garden, and to enjoy coffee and treats in Wright-Herberich Hall. Eleanor was the last surviving charter member of Westminster Presbyterian church and entered eternal life on January 12 at the age of 101.

**The Two Quilts in the Sanctuary** are for Charlotte Walker and Susie Rogers.

***Calendar of Church Building Events  
For April 24 - May 1, 2022***

**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

**Tuesday, 4/26**

- 2:30 pm     Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm     Session Meeting in Room 106

**Thursday, 4/28**

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

**Saturday, 4/30**

- 8:00 am     Kiwanis Breakfast in WHH
- 9:00 am     Celtic Garden Perennial Sale on the Patio

**Sunday, 5/1**

- 8:30 am     Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am     Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am     Sunday School - Parenting Group - Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 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

## 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.*
- *Starting in April the Script will be monthly.*
- *8:30 a.m. summer worship will return in June and July 2022.*



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