

7th Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



*At the ringing of the chimes, please silence your cell phones
and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for
an encounter with the Living God.*

Bolded text is read or sung by all.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

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Voluntary Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou
M. Dupre - *Mason Meyer, guest organist*

*Call to Worship

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
Let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let everyone who hears say, "Come."
Let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.
Let everyone who is thirsty come.
Come to the tree of life. Come to the Alpha and the Omega.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Hymn # 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! CORONATION

Call to Confession Rae Leonard

Prayer of Confession

**Precious Lord, you call us to your everlasting springs to be
drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed you. We do not
turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you.
Forgive us for our failings, shield us from our due, and guide
us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. 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.*

*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

Honoring our Graduate Caden Labbe

Moment for Ministry

Kinsie Willis/Pentecost Offering

Special music

Antiphon III: The Song of Solomon

M. Dupre

*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

Stephanie Blaha

*Following the Time With Young Disciples, children are invited to stay with their
families, or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.*

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, whose voice is heard in the thunder and in the
silence, speak to us now, by the power of your Spirit, that we
may hear your word for us today. In Jesus' name we ask it.
Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalm 97

1 The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around the Lord;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.**

3 Fire goes before the Lord and burns up God's adversaries all around.

**4 The Lord's lightings light up the world; the earth sees and
trembles.**

5 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, and all the peoples see God's glory.

7 All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship God, all you gods!

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.

9 For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

10 O you who love the Lord, hate evil! God preserves the lives of the saints; God delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

*Hymn #391

Take My Life

HENDON

The Second Lesson

John 17: 20-26

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

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the

cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit God's purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by the Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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 #151	Crown Him with Many Crowns	DIADEMATA
*Charge and Benediction		
Voluntary	Organ Sonata No. 3, Allegro	F. Mendelssohn

Today Guest Organist's Bio

Mason Meyer is a born and raised Akronite who at a young age became interested in the organ, liturgical music, and classical music. His family encouraged lessons, and he has been hooked ever since. Although not professionally trained, Mason plays as a regular substitute organist for a number of churches throughout northeast Ohio. He continues his studies with Organist/ Choirmaster Daniel Fortune at St. Paul's Episcopal in Akron. His wife, Megan, is a trained soprano and teaches Choir, Drama, and Guitar at Akron East High School. Mason is the Senior Vice President/Sales and Marketing for WQMX, Rubber City Radio Group.

Serving as liturgist today is Rae Leonard.

The Flowers in the Chancel are given by Raphael Peoples in honor of all the loving members of Westminster who mean so much to him.

The Two Flower Arrangements in the Sanctuary were donated in honor of the wedding of Anne Emerson and Michael Adams married yesterday.

The Memorial Day Flowers on the Pedestal are given by Mark Nelson and Jane Nelson Hutchison in memory of their grandfather, Hilding A. Nelson, Mus 3, 305th Engr, 80th Division and in honor of all Westminster members who have served in the U.S. military.

Undie Sunday will be with the First Sunday Food Collection on June 5. Under wear for all ages are requested. Monetary donations are also accepted and should also be placed into the red bags. In addition, there will be a box in the Narthex and one in WHH for collection on June 5 and June 12.

Teachers Needed We need teachers for both Tweens and Youth! This is the perfect opportunity to express your dedication to both your faith and to the future of our church. Please contact Margo Works.

Hunger Walk Report Thank you for your contribution to the Hunger Walk. \$341 was collected and will be contributed to the Akron Food Bank through the Akron Area Interfaith Council of Churches. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Holy Cow Survey The Holy Cow survey is an important step in the process to find a new pastor. Since members expressed some difficulties accessing the survey, we are extending the deadline to respond until noon, next Wednesday, June 1. Here is the link to respond online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WestminsterAkron> You must respond to each question once you start. Some people have taken over an hour to complete the survey. Don't be discouraged. If you have to think too much about your response, you may want to simply select "Don't know". If you prefer to respond using a paper copy, you may print a copy from the link or contact the church office. All responses should be received by June 1.

Calendar of Church Building Events
For May 29 to June 5 , 2022

Sunday, 5/29

- 10:00 am Nursery Opens
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
Honor Graduating Senior, Caden Labbe
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship in WHH

Monday, 5/30 Memorial Day - Church Offices are closed

Tuesday, 5/31

- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 6/2

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting in the Library

Saturday, 6/4

- 8:00 am Food For Life in the Kitchen

Sunday, 6/5 Pentecost

- 8:30 am Summer Worship Service on the Johnstone Patio
- 10:00 am Nursery Opens
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
First Sunday Food Collection & Undie Sunday Collection
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship and Birthday Cake in WHH

June 5, Pentecost Sunday - Let's celebrate as a congregation by wearing red! This day reminds us of how Jesus' promise that God will send the Holy Spirit is fulfilled. By wearing red, we recall the fiery tongues that descended upon the Apostles when they received the Holy Spirit.

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

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

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Welcome New Staff Members Abigail Haake, our new Music Director and Organist, will begin her work with us on June 1st. She will play at both services on June 5th. Meaghan Diaz, temporary staff accountant, will also start on June 1st.



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