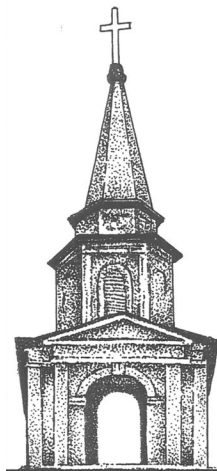


**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 19, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**



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

Voluntary

Children of the Heavenly Father

Donald Busarow (1934-2011)

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 67: 1-5

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make God's face to shine upon us,

**2 that God's way may be known upon the earth,  
God's saving power among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise Thee, O God;  
**Let all the peoples praise Thee!**

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for You judge the people with equity and guide the nations  
upon the earth.**

5 Let all the peoples praise Thee, O God,  
**Let all the peoples praise Thee!**

\*Hymn #344

Christ of the Upward Way

SURSUM CORDA

Call to Confession

Lisa Park Boush

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we so often miss Your kingdom at work among us. Impressed by power and prestige, we overlook the small seeds of grace You have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how You are present. Forgive us when we work contrary to Your plan and purposes - fostering divisions when You call us to be reconciled; saddled with apathy in a world with such deep needs; building walls to exclude instead of doorways open to all. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

Response #323

Loving Spirit

**Loving Spirit, Holy Spirit, You have chosen me to be;  
You have drawn me to Your wonder, You have set Your sign  
on me.**

Assurance of God's 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 the Invitation to Offer Our Gifts to the Lord

Special music

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) - *Joel Rhoads, bass*

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

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson

Psalm 78: 1-8

**1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the  
words of my mouth!**

**2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

3 things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

**4 We will not hide them from the children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God's might, and the wonders that God has done.**

5 God established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which God commanded our ancestors to teach to their children,

**6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,**

7 so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep God's commandments;

**8 and that they should not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

Hymn #220

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

The Second Lesson

Mark 4: 26-34

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a farmer should scatter seed on the ground. The farmer sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once the farmer puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown

on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

\*Affirmation of Faith

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 #341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! ASSURANCE

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Serving as liturgist today is Lisa Park Boush.

### ***Announcements***

**The Flowers in the Chancel** are given by Ginny and Bill Melver in memory of their fathers, Robert Peach Tutt and Robert Lee Melver.

**Beyond Suffering Classes on Disability Ministry** are on Monday, June 20 at 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. Zoom link: Meeting ID: 834 0004 2992 - Passcode: 116464

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83400042992?pwd=Ym5rV0xEK1ppdXJmYjJWLTdzWmozQT09>

The last day of class will be on Monday, June 27. All are welcome!

**VBS Leaders' Meeting** will be June 26 at 9:30 a.m. Please don't miss the very important last-minute preparations!

**Father's Day Coffee Fellowship** Join us after the second service in WHH for coffee and cookies, provided this morning by Stacy Franzmann and Gwen Aber.

*The Holy Spirit speaks to us as we worship. Use the space below to record your thoughts on the music, prayers, scripture, and sermon.*

***Calendar of Church Building Events***  
***For June 19 - 26, 2022***

**Sunday, 6/19 Father's Day**

8:30 am Summer Worship Service on the Johnstone Patio  
10:00 am Nursery Opens  
10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream  
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship with cookies in WHH

**Monday, 6/20**

3:00 pm Beyond Suffering Disability Class Via Zoom

**Tuesday, 6/21**

9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting in WHH

**Thursday, 6/23**

10:00 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library  
7:00 pm Beyond Suffering Disability Class Via Zoom

**Saturday, 6/25**

9:00 am Celtic Gardeners in Celtic Garden

**Sunday, 6/26**

8:30 am Summer Worship Service on the Johnstone Patio  
9:30 am VBS Volunteers' Meeting in the Youth Room  
10:00 am Nursery Opens  
10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream  
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship in WHH



## **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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