GATHERING MUSIC | SILENT MEDITATION  
▲ Please rise in body and spirit, as you are able.  
Facebook Check-in: As you arrive, please check in on Facebook.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

▲ HYMN  “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”  BLACK HYMNAL 478

CALL TO WORSHIP:  Psalm 100  Pew Bible, pg. 552, OT  
(We will read responsively – the lector will read the odd numbered verses and the congregation will respond with the even numbered verses.)

▲ HYMN  “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”  BLACK HYMNAL 537

▲ GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)
God who calls us from death to life, we honor you with our hearts and our words this morning. Take us up to the mountain, that we might witness the glories of your transfiguration, that we might witness your dazzling light, that we might witness your perfection in our world. May your wisdom guide our worship this morning. May your wisdom guide our lives in all things. Amen.

▲ GLORIA PATRI
(Please sing the words most comfortable to you. Here are two options.)

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.

Glory be to the Parent and to the Child and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM  “The Earth Is the Lord’s”  Carl Nygard, Jr.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
(Children are invited to bring an offering with them each week. The funds collected in the children’s plate support the education of two students at St. Barthelemy School in Terrier-Rouge, Haiti: Khriste Angrand and Jabari Vernet.)
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)
(Please pray the words most comfortable to you.)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Holy God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

YOUTH ANTHEM “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

GOSPEL READING Matthew 17:1-13 Pew Bible page 18, NT
One: God is still speaking.
Many: And we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

▲HYMN “Days of Elijah” PAGES 4 & 5

OFFERING & HEALING PRAYER

▲DOXOLOGY (Please sing the words most comfortable to you. Here are two options:)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;  Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  Praise God above, ye heavenly host’
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

▲PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
Accept our gifts, O God, as a sign of our obedience and dedication to you. Create something new with our gifts. Create something new in us. Create, as only you can. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS & PASTORAL PRAYER

▲HYMN “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” BLACK HYMNAL 282

▲BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE
MINISTERS OF GOD’S LOVE.................................................................Every Member of WPUCC
SENIOR PASTOR..................................................................................Rev. Jason Thompson
ASSOCIATE PASTOR................................................................................James R. Furry
PASTORS EMERITI...................................................................................Rev. Don Norenberg, Rev. Larry Craig
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC............................................................................Christopher Venesile, PhD
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR................................................................Linda Ferro
RECORDING/SOUND SYSTEM.................................................................Mandi Salvino, Dan Karkoff
SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATOR.........................................................Rachel Miller
POET LAUREATE.....................................................................................Jean Clark
LECTOR......................................................................................................Marilyn Furry
SCRIPTURE READER.............................................................................Debbie Miller
COUNTERS ..............................................................................................Marilyn & Jim Furry, Lester Armstrong

WE WELCOME all who are here to worship with us today, especially our children and youth. Please sign the attendance pads and pass the pad to the side aisles by the windows.

THANK YOU to Felix Grittner for providing today’s music.

PASTOR JASON’S office hours are Mondays, 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, 9am-3pm, or by appointment. Pastor Jason can be reached at the church office (216) 671-7228 or WestParkUCCPastor@gmail.com.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Attendance last Sunday was 61 adults and 2 youth/children. Thank you for your offerings of Operating $1,837, OCWM $57, Pink - CUE $50, Faith in Film $2, Children's Plate $21, Foundation Fund $25, Endowment Fund $20

LITURGICAL COLORS: Just as our meteorological seasons evoke different moods in each of us, the seasons of our church life also bring different emotional responses. To acknowledge the ongoing movement of God in our lives, we regularly change the cloths on the altar, pulpit and lectern to acknowledge the seasons of faith. This week, the cloths are WHITE. In celebration of Jesus’ transfiguration, the color white represents the purity of Christ as the light of the world.

SHROVE TUESDAY - Plan to join us in Bartter Hall from 6 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25 for our annual pancake dinner. Tell your friends. Tell your family. And give a great big shout out of “THANK YOU” to Robin Jessen for her leadership in planning and executing this event! There will be pancakes and sausages aplenty! Suggested donation $8.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS ARE READY! They are on the table in the narthex.

ASH WEDNESDAY services will again be celebrated in partnership with our friends from Christ United Methodist Church. We will worship at Christ UMC (3625 W 138th St, Cleveland, OH 44111) at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 26, including the imposition of ashes.

PINK ENVELOPE FOR FEBRUARY – CUE - Our faith is a living tradition that calls for continual discovery and re-discovery. Our leaders must be equipped to interpret the tradition for our own time and place. This call has never been more important than now in these days of societal change and complexity. Chicago, United and Eden Seminaries (CUE) are dedicated to strengthening churches by educating leaders who will serve congregations and communities around the world with compassion and justice. Help assist in educating our next generation of UCC leaders by giving generously to the February Pink Envelope Offering which is dedicated CUE Seminaries of the United Church of Christ.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP! Boards and Committees, sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you can host a coffee hour in the coming months. Thanks!

HEALING PRAYER – Today, during the offering, the deacons will offer up healing prayer for you or a loved one. Please go to the back of the church, where two deacons will be available for the Healing Prayer.

FOOD PANTRY – Each month, on the first Sunday, we collect food for our emergency food pantry. Needed items are listed on page 10. Please be generous and bring in items next Sunday. Also, we will be opening an expanded version of the Food Pantry next month in the room off the chapel. Hours for the pantry will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, and the 3rd Saturday of each month starting in March 2020.

The two Elephant’s Foot Tree or Ponytail Palm plants (Beaucarnea recurvata) on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of the 100th birthday on February 22nd of Stephen Wiesner Jr. (that he himself propagated in September 2004 and are from his original plant collection) by his son, Chris Wiesner and fiancée, Julie Schleich; his son-in-law, Brian Golba; and dear friends, Edna and Dave Schleich.
LENTEN SUPPER STUDY - On Wednesday nights during Lent (March 4 – April 8), we will meet in Bartter Hall at 5:30pm for a community supper with our friends from Christ United Methodist Church. Our joint study will take place from 6pm-7pm each week. This year we will study the Didache, an ancient Christian document used by converts to Christianity to learn about our shared faith. This ancient text was considered part of the New Testament for many years and used as a study guide to understanding the “Way.” Copies will be provided at our first study. The meal is potluck so please bring food to share. Please bring along a place setting (plate, napkin, cup, silverware) as well. Water and coffee will be provided. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join Us for a Country Western Hoedown
West Park UCC Fund-Raising Dinner Set for April 25

Howdy, pod’ner! Members and friends of West Park UCC will have an opportunity to raise funds for our operating budget while having some good-natured fun by moseying on down to Bartter Hall on Saturday, April 25 for a country western dinner and hoedown! Cost is adults $20; youth 12-18 $10; children under 12 $5; children under 5 FREE! We don’t want any members who would like to attend not to do so due to cost; tickets are donated by fellow church members for just such a circumstance, so let us know. Space is limited and tickets sell out fast, so see Dan or Kathleen Moreland to reserve your seat today. Tickets also can be purchased in the church office.

HONORING AMERICAN HEROES: BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Mae C. Jemison obtained her M.D. in 1981. After interning at Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center, she worked as a general practitioner before enlisting as a Peace Corps medical officer for Sierra Leone and Liberia. Following her return to the United States in 1985, Jemison made a career change and decided to follow a dream she had nurtured for a long time: She applied for admission to NASA's astronaut training program. The Challenger disaster of January 1986 delayed the selection process, but when she reapplied a year later, Jemison was one of the 15 candidates chosen from a field of about 2,000. On June 4, 1987, Jemison became the first African American woman to be admitted into NASA’s astronaut training program and on September 12, 1992 became the first African American woman in space.

ALBER SCHOLARSHIP! Applications are available for our Alber Scholarship. It is open to active members who will be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in an accredited educational institution. The deadline for the scholarship is Sunday, March 31. You can pick up a paper copy in the narthex or you can email Linda at westparkuccoffice@gmail.com for an electronic copy. Please let your students know that this is available!
MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILMAN! Charles Slife is the new Cleveland Ward 17 Councilman, for the area surrounding West Park UCC. There are two opportunities to meet him in the coming weeks:

- Thursday, February 27 @ 7:00 p.m., hosted by the Kiwanis Club of West Park at the Cretan Center, 3853 W 168th St.
- Saturday, March 28 @ 10:30 a.m., hosted by Cleveland Public Library at 3805 W 157th Street.

SIGN UP! To put flowers on the altar, or to light the steeple. Sign up in the narthex.

PASOVER SEDER: West Park UCC has been invited to an interfaith Passover Seder from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24 at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple in Beachwood, Ohio. If you would like to attend with a group from our church, please sign up in the narthex no later than Sunday, February 23.

PASTORAL ADVISORY is meeting Sunday, March 1 before worship. If you have compliments or concerns, please contact Robin Jessen, Dan Moreland, or Jen Krejsa.
THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23:
10:00 a.m. Worship & Agape & Acts 29 Sunday School Classes
11:30 a.m. Community Meal
Youth Group

MONDAY, 02/24:
7:00 p.m. Mood Disorder Support Group, Youth Room

TUESDAY, 02/25:
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
7:30 p.m. Recovery, International, Youth Room

WEDNESDAY, 02/26:
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship at Christ UMC, Lorain Ave. & W. 138th St.

THURSDAY, 02/27:
8:00 p.m. AA, Chapel

FRIDAY, 02/28:
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon, Parlor

SATURDAY, 02/29:
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bartter Hall in use
10:15 p.m. Alpha-Omega AA – Bartter Hall
12:00 a.m. Westside Midnight AA – Bartter Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1:
8:45 a.m. Pastoral Advisory Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion & Agape & Acts 29 Sunday School Classes
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:00 p.m. Confirmation
3:00 p.m. Bowling

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