RETURN to the LORD YOUR GOD

THE FORTY DAYS of LENT

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  MARCH 1, 2020

GATHERING MUSIC | SILENT MEDITATION  9:50 A.M.

▲ Please rise in body and spirit, as you are able.

Facebook Check-in: As you arrive, please check in on Facebook.
Called to Be Family

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1. We're called to be
(2. Each) person a
(3. We) work for a
(4. We) stand on the

Unison

Sempre legato

family united in love,
God's grace and God's mercy we

1. live now to prove.
We're God's beloved people: we walk in God's

2. waits to be done.
With Christ ever leading, new visions are

3. honor and trust.
We're bound to each other in Christ one to

4. cannot alone.
Each church and its people united to

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way, where justice and mercy shine bright as the day.
sown, God's light to display and God's love to make known.
all, We're sisters and brothers who've answered Christ's call.
be the voice of God speaking, the Spirit set free.

Chorus:

Yes, yes! A thousand times, yes! Better together than out on our own.

Yes, yes! A thousand times, yes! Here in God's family no

longer alone! 2. Each
3. We
4. We

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!

SIGN UP in the narthex to put flowers on the altar or to light the steeple.

ALBER SCHOLARSHIP!: Applications are available for our Alber Scholarship. It is open to active members who will be sophomores, juniors or seniors in a post-secondary accredited educational institution. The deadline for the application 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. You can meet him Saturday, March 28 @10:30 a.m., hosted by Cleveland Public Library at 3805 W 157th Street.

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 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.
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:
Psalm 32
Pew Bible, pg. 506, OT
(We will read responsively – the lector will read the odd numbered verses and the congregation will respond with the even numbered verses.)

▲ HYMN
“Called to Be Family”
PAGES 2 & 3

▲ PRAYER OF REPENTANCE (Unison)
Lord, we have betrayed you, by following our own ways. We have denied you, by fearing to follow you. We have mocked you, by not taking your death seriously.
Let your forgiveness find us, O God. Hold us in your strong arms and grant us a new life.
Live in us and with us, day by day, that together we may make a new world.

▲ ASSURANCE OF GRACE
People of God, be comforted in knowing that by confessing with our mouths and believing in our hearts and turning away from our sins that our God has heard our pleas. We are forgiven.
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,

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,

ANTHEM
“Meditation on Gethsemane”
Joseph M. Martin

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
Rev. David Long-Higgins

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 4:1-11
Pew Bible page 3, NT
One: God is still speaking.
Many: And we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCTION OF CONFERENCE MINISTER
SERMON
“Energy Choices”
Rev. David Long-Higgins

MISSION MOMENT
Laura’s Home
Louise Gamary

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

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host’
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
O God of all Creation, we know what you require of us. We heed your call with the best of our abilities. Bless these gifts that justice be done, that kindness be shown and that we are humbled at your majesty. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN
"Spirit of the Living God" (2xs, remain seated)  BLACK HYMNAL 283

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
All are invited to participate in the Sacrament. Today, we will receive communion by intinction. When invited by a Deacon, come forward in the center aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice and eat; return to your seat by the side aisles. If you prefer to be served in the pew, please remain seated. We serve gluten-free Communion.

One:  
Many:  

One:  
Many:  

One:  
Many:  

One:  
Many:  

God be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to God.  
Let us give thanks to God Most High.  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.  
O Holy God.........Amen and Amen.  
Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty,  
the whole universe speaks of your glory,  
O God Most High.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.  
Hosanna in the highest!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)
(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.

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HYMN  
"God of Grace and God of Glory"  BLACK HYMNAL 436

BENEDICTION

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

WE WELCOME TODAY The Rev. David Long-Higgins, transitional Conference Minister, Heartland Conference UCC who will share his message with us today.

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 67 adults and 5 youth/children. Thank you for your offerings of Operating $1,645.18, OCWM $46, Pink: CUE $45, Alber Scholarship $7, Rent $95, Music Fund $25, Growth & Outreach $26, Children’s Plate $7.51, Funds: Foundation $25, Endowment $10

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 PURPLE. The color purple is displayed during Lent to represent two aspects of the season: the royal dignity of Jesus Christ and the repentance of sin.

WOMEN’S LENTEN LUNCHEON AT CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – on Wednesday, March 11 at 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Ben Weisbrod, manager of Twice Blessed Pantry located on W. 65th St. All women are welcome.

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

PINK ENVELOPE FOR MARCH – LAURA’S HOME For women and children, it is a bridge from crisis to stability and self-sufficiency. With 166 beds and 55 rooms, Laura’s Home offers specialized, wraparound services designed to empower families and individuals to live healthy lives. Every room in Laura’s Home has been full with a waiting list for more than 5 years. Our hope is that in the near future, life-changing meaningful solutions will be offered to the women and children of Cleveland who need lasting change. And not simply for them, but for generations to come. The City Mission, who manages Laura’s Home, is unique in Cleveland as we allow families and individuals to take the time they need to achieve their most sustainable option.

VOLUNTEER AT THE KID’S BOOK BANK - We have an opportunity for a local volunteer experience! Sign up in the narthex if you would like to help sort books for kids in need. This will take place Sat. May 2nd from 9:30-11:30 am. We can carpool from church.
FAITH IN FILM: On Saturday, March 14 at 7pm, we will screen Recovery Boys, a Netflix original movie filmed in a farm-based rehabilitation facility. This is a powerful story of four men forging personal bonds while trying to reinvent their lives and mend their broken relationships after years of drug use. Panel discussion to follow with The Reverend John Werner, Senior Pastor, First Congregational UCC, Jefferson, Ohio, Erica Poellot, MDiv, MSW, Director of Faith and Community Partnerships, Harm Reduction Coalition and Blyth Barrow, MDiv, Harm Reduction Manager, Faith in Public Life. ALL ARE WELCOME

3RD SUNDAY: This month we welcome Erica Poellot, MDiv, MSW, Director of Faith and Community Partnerships, Harm Reduction Coalition and Blyth Barrow, MDiv, Harm Reduction Manager, Faith in Public Life to lead us in a conversation about addiction and recovery. This event will take place in the chapel at 11:30am on March 15.

THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

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

MONDAY, 03/02:
7:00 p.m. Mood Disorder Support Group, Youth Room

TUESDAY, 03/03:
7:30 p.m. Recovery, International, Youth Room

WEDNESDAY, 03/04:
5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper Study
7:00 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY, 03/05:
6:15 p.m. Low Impact Exercise, BH
8:00 p.m. AA, Chapel

FRIDAY, 03/06:
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon, Parlor

SATURDAY, 03/07:
10:15 p.m. Alpha-Omega AA – Barter Hall
12:00 a.m. Westside Midnight AA – Barter Hall

TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD – SPRING FORWARD!

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8: Daylight Savings Time Starts
10:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion & Agape & Acts 29 Sunday School Classes
11:30 a.m. Christian Education, Trustees meetings
12:30 p.m. Called to Care Team

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