SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  MARCH 8, 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.
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121 Pew Bible, pg. 571, OT
(We will read responsively – the lector will read the odd numbered verses and the congregation will respond with the even numbered verses.)

▲ HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” BLUE HYMNAL 391

▲ PRAYER OF REPENTANCE (Unison)
Holy One, who is able to make all things new, we are thankful for the gift of each day being an opportunity to do better, to be better.
We ask forgiveness for wanting new life without being willing to die to old ways of being.
Forgive us for doubting that new life, rebirth is possible.
Heal our spirits, that we may be born into a new state of consciousness; that we may be born from above.

▲ ASSURANCE OF GRACE
Even in our reluctance, even in our brokenness, God provides a path to wholeness and renewal. When we confess our shortcomings, God has mercy on us and is generous with forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven….and that is good news.
Thanks be to God.

▲ 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 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. H. Helvey

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING John 3: 1-17 Pew Bible page 93, NT
One: God is still speaking.
Many: And we are still listening. Thanks be to God.
MEDITATION “For God so loved the world”

OFFERING

▲ 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)
May these gifts indicate our gratitude for our many blessings.
May the spiritual nourishment we receive today strengthen us for continued service. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS & PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN “Spirit of the Living God” (remain seated) BLACK HYMNAL 283

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
All are invited to participate in the Sacrament. When invited by a Deacon, come forward in the center aisle. You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice; 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: God be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift them up to God.
One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.
Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
One: O Holy God.......Amen and Amen.
Many: 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)
(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.

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▲ HYMN
“Amazing Grace” BLACK HYMNAL 547

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Parts of today’s service have been adapted from Worship Ways, a liturgical resource of the United Church of Christ

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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 ............................................................................................................................Holly Sinnema
SCRIPTURE READER .....................................................................................................Judy Rogers
COUNTERS ........................................................................................................................Pat & Mark Rust, Kathy Rennette
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.

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 68 adults and 3 youth/children. Thank you for your offerings of Operating $2,401, OCWM $107, Pink: CUE $5, Laura's Hone $50, Birthday $65, Music Fund $100, Shrove Dinner $220, Children's Plate $34, Foundation Fund $25

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 AVAILABLE! They are on the table in the narthex.

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.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT: Our Annual All Church Retreat will take place from May 22-24 at Templed Hills camp. For more information or to sign up, please click on the CHRISTIAN EDUCATION tab on our website or visit westparkucc.org/retreat

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 29. 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!

THE FLOWERS are in honor of Alice’s 5th Birthday from Grammie and Grampie Jessen

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.

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.” 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.

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.

FISH FRYS! March 13 and 27 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Bethany English Lutheran Church, 15460 Triskett Road, Cleveland. Perch Dinners, $11.00 Adults, $10.00 Seniors, $4.00 kids under 12, and non-fish dinners, choice of pierogies, mac & cheese, or cabbage & noodles for $7.00.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS 2020 will be offered from June 22-26 as a collaboration between Christ United Methodist Church and West Park United Church of Christ. The program is for children aged 3-12. Cost is $20 per child ($35 per family) and can be paid in cash or check on the first night of check in. Scholarships are available by contacting Pastor Jason at 216.671.7228. Check in begins at 5pm with Dinner and program from 5:30pm-8:00pm. SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS JUNE 8, 2020.
For more information or to sign up, please visit westparkucc.org/vbs.
THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

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

MONDAY, 03/09:
7:00 p.m.  Mood Disorder Support Group, Youth Room

TUESDAY, 03/10:
6:30 p.m.  MOPS, Parlor
7:30 p.m.  Recovery, International, Youth Room

WEDNESDAY, 03/11:
5:30 p.m.  Lenten Supper Study, Bartter Hall
6-8 p.m.  Neighbor Night, Chapel
7:00 p.m.  Choir, Music Room

THURSDAY, 03/12:
6:15 p.m.  Low Impact Exercise, BH
8:00 p.m.  AA, Chapel

FRIDAY, 03/13:
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  Fish Fry at Bethany English Lutheran Church
7:30 p.m.  Al-Anon, Parlor

SATURDAY, 03/14:
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  Volunteer Morning
7:00 p.m.  Faith in Film
10:15 p.m.  Alpha-Omega AA – Bartter Hall
12:00 a.m.  Westside Midnight AA – Bartter Hall

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.  3rd Sunday, Growth & Outreach
3:00 p.m.  Bowling

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