FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 29, 2020

A SPECIAL JOINT SERVICE OF
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AND
WEST PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 130
One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!
Many: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

One: If you could mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
Many: But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be worshipped.

One: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, in the Lord’s word I hope;
Many: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

One: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, with the Lord
is plenteous redemption.
Many: And the Lord will redeem Israel from all iniquities.

▲HYMN “Lord of the Dance”

▲CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Lord of life, we come to you consumed by our worry and our pain. When we blame
you for not being there in our need, forgive us. When we turn away from you in
moments of loss, guide us back to your faithful arms. For we long to put our faith in
your promised healing. We yearn to truly believe that you are the resurrection and
the life. Teach us once more, Merciful One, that you weep when we weep, and
rejoice as we find our way home. Amen.

▲ ASSURANCE OF GRACE
God makes us a promise: “I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.” The one
who showed Ezekiel that a valley of dry bones could live again will bring us newness of
life through Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. Thanks be to God, we are a
forgiven people!

ANTHEM: "Ave Verum" Mozart
Pre-Recorded Lenten Music by Christ UMC Choir

SCRIPTURE READING John 11:1-45
One: God is still speaking.
Many: And we are still listening. 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,

*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,

SERMON
“This illness does not lead to death.”

HYMN
“Softly and Tenderly”

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY
Please submit prayer request online and don’t forget to mail in your tithes and offering – Christ UMC members may also give online.

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

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

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*Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

▲PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. Whether physically apart or together, we are your Church. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS | PASTORAL PRAYER
Response and call:
One:  Lord of life, giver of our breath,
Many: Hear our prayer.
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

“We Are Marching”

▲BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

SUNDAY, MARCH 29:
10:30 a.m.       Online Worship

MONDAY, 03/30:

TUESDAY, 03/31:

WEDNESDAY, 04/01:

THURSDAY, 04/02:

FRIDAY, 04/03:

SATURDAY, 04/04:
9:00am – 12pm  Food Pantry

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 5:
10:30 a.m.       Online Worship

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
SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATOR………………………………………………….Rachel Miller
POET LAUREATE……………………………………………………………………….Jean Clark
COUNTER………………………………………………………………………………Lynne Rice

WE ASK SPECIAL PRAYERS for our church and our world during this difficult time. Our church is in uncharted waters, but we know in our hearts and our minds and our souls that Christ Jesus is in our midst and travelling this journey with us. If you need help or need to talk during this time, please email Pastor Jason or call the church office. If he is unavailable, he will do his best to return your call within 30 minutes.

WE WELCOME all who are worshiping our God this day into our hearts.

PASTOR JASON’S in person office hours are temporarily suspended. Pastor Jason can be reached at the church office (216) 671-7228 or WestParkUCCPastor@gmail.com. Pastor Jason is now observing Sabbath on Tuesdays, but will respond to pastoral emergencies.
THE STEEPLE WILL SHINE THIS WEEK for all the people who are on the front lines during this difficult time from Megan, Nathan and Ben Rhea

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Thank you for your offerings of: Operating $1,831, OCWM $40, Pink - Laura's Home $10, Rent Bartter Hall $100, Funeral $270, Foundation Fund $100

FOOD PANTRY: During the coming weeks, our pantry will be open every Saturday from 9am-12pm. If you or someone you know is experiencing food insecurity, please plan to visit us during these hours.

FOOD DELIVERY: For members and friends who are older or have underlying health issues, please follow the advice of governor and health care professionals to shelter in place. If you need help with food supplies, contact the church office and we will arrange to deliver food to your home.

VOLUNTEERS: If you can help with operating our food pantry on Saturdays or are available to assist with our food delivery ministry, please contact the church office. ALL HANDS ON DECK! We have procedures in place to keep our volunteers safe as well.

COMMUNITY MEAL: Our monthly community meal will take place as planned on March 29 from 11:30am – 1:00pm, with a few changes. The Board of Growth and Outreach will offer meals “to-go” for all of our guests. Board Chairperson Dan Moreland is putting together a small team to provide the meal.

FOR ONGOING INFORMATION please visit http://westparkucc.org/covid-19-update/

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. We are still planning to attend the retreat! Please don’t submit payments at this time, but you can go ahead and sign up!

EASTER FLOWERS ORDERS are temporarily on hold.
WE PRAY FOR: All those affected by COVID-19, Dede Todd, Reneé Thayer, Pastor Larry & Christina Craig, Deb Solyan, Jen Krejsa, Wilda Donegan, Grace Burgess, Edna Schleich, Jean Clark, LaShanda Harper, Geri Frimel, Dolly Chappell, Janet Gorman, Grace Green, Georgia Smith, Wanda Paulin, Carol Hunt, Midge Karnatz, Anna Belle Rice, Jay Gardella, Bryan Hrehocik, nursing home and at home members & friends. Lucille & Carnell, who has tested positive for COVID-19.

IN SYMPATHY: to the family and friends of Austin Lupercio, husband of Amanda McFadden Lupercio. Austin transitioned to eternal life on March 12, 2020. A private service was held at church on March 19. A memorial celebration of life will be held at a later date.