THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

A SPECIAL JOINT SERVICE OF
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AND
WEST PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CALL TO WORSHIP:
Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;
People: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
Leader: The hour is coming and is now here.
People: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

▲ HYMN OF PRAISE
“Gather Us in”

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

▲ ASSURANCE OF GRACE
Even in our reluctance, even in our brokenness,
God provides a path to wholeness and renewal.
Addiction is not a sin. We are reminded that through our efforts to heal the world, we are forgiven. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING  
John 4:5-52
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,

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SERMON “We will never thirst again” Pastor Jason

▲ HYMN OF REFLECTION “O, Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

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;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host’
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | PASTORAL 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.

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.

SENDING FORTH

▲ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP  “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

▲ BENEDICTION

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THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

SUNDAY, MARCH 15:
10:30 a.m.  Online Worship with Christ UMC

MONDAY, 03/16:

TUESDAY, 03/17:

WEDNESDAY, 03/18:

THURSDAY, 03/19:

FRIDAY, 03/20:

SATURDAY, 03/21:

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22:
10:30 a.m.  Online Worship with Christ UMC
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 ADMINSTRATOR.................................................................Linda Ferro
RECORDING/SOUND SYSTEM.........................................................Mandi Salvino, Dan Karkoff
SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATOR..................................................Rachel Miller
POET LAUREATE...............................................................................Jean Clark
COUNTERS .......................................................................................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 office hours are Mondays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, 12:00
to 2:00 p.m., 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 56 adults and 1 youth/children.
Thank you for your offerings of Operating $1,961, OCWM $142, Pink - Laura's Home $100,
Growth & Outreach $21, Misc. $42, Children’s Plate $23.

LITURGICAL COLORS: 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.

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!

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.

EASTER FLOWERS: Here at West Park UCC we are able to beautify our sanctuary and strengthen our church because of Christ’s resurrection. Our risen Savior is honored in a number of ways on Easter Sunday. For those who wish to provide a spring flower, or contribute to the Endowment or Memorial Funds, a form is enclosed. Let us remember to give praise to the One who gives us new life.