FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2020

A SPECIAL JOINT SERVICE OF
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AND
WEST PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(please check-in on Facebook to let us know you are okay!)
CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 23
One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
Many: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

One: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Many: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Many: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Holy One, our travel through the season of Lent has taken a road we could have never imagined. We admit that we have, at times, reacted in fear rather than in love. We admit that we have, at times, considered only ourselves rather than others. We admit that we have, at times, relied on ourselves rather than you. Forgive us, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE
God feels our sadness. God feels our worry. God feels our uneasiness. Let us be reminded of God’s prevenient grace, a grace that is freely given and always present.

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-41
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, 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.

SERMON

HYMN
“Here I Am, Lord”

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 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)
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.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS | 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.

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HYMN
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

BENEDICTION
THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

SUNDAY, MARCH 22:
10:30 a.m.       Online Worship

MONDAY, 03/23:

TUESDAY, 03/24:

WEDNESDAY, 03/25:
9:00am – 12pm   Food Pantry

THURSDAY, 03/26:

FRIDAY, 03/27:

SATURDAY, 03/28:
9:00am – 12pm   Food Pantry

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 29:
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
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: Thank you for your offerings of: Operating $5,040, Rent $3,700, Children's Plate $23

FOOD PANTRY: We have expanded the operating hours of our food pantry. During the coming weeks, our pantry will be open every Wednesday and 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 Wednesdays or 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.

VOLUNTEER AT THE KID'S BOOK BANK - We have an opportunity for a local volunteer experience! Call the church office 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.
WE PRAY FOR: All those affected by COVID-19, Austin & Amanda Lupercio, 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.

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