PALM - PASSION SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2020

WEST PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(please check-in on Facebook to let us know you are okay!)
CALL TO WORSHIP:
Pastor: Come. Come seeking words.
Many: **Come to let your tongue give praise.**
Pastor: Come. Come to find your voice.
Many: **Come to hear the response.**
Pastor: Come. Come to open your ears.
Many: **Come to listen.**
Pastor: Come. Come to be healed.
Many: **Come to stand together.**
Pastor: Come. Come to approach what words cannot describe.
Many: **Come to find God.**
Pastor: Come O Holy One. Let us rejoice with parade and voice. **Amen!**

MUSICAL OFFERING

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
Pastor Jim: God opens our ears.
God speaks when we are silent.
God approaches us in the parade and at the table, in our denial and our praise.
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,
world without end.

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.

DRAMATIC READING OF THE PASSION

OFFERING
At this time, we are not set up for online giving, but we encourage you to offer your financial gifts and tithes to the church via US Mail:

West Park UCC
3909 Rocky River Drive
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
O Holy One, bless these gifts so that the world may know your love, even when we are suffering, even when we are afraid, even to the cross. 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.

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.

MUSCIAL OFFERING  “In Christ Alone” 
Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty 
Vocal Arrangement by David Wesley
(This virtual choir a cappella performance features the voices of 48 singers from 14 countries. It was a labor of love lasting 5 months, and many dozens of work hours.)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

APRIL PINK ENVELOPE: This month’s special offering will benefit One Great Hour of Sharing. The ecumenical offering is collected annually and is one of the 5 for 5 offerings of the United Church of Christ. The monies collected go all over the world to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, One Great Hour of Sharing provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.
THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

SUNDAY, APRIL 5: PALM-PASSION SUNDAY
9:15 a.m. Children’s Message via Zoom
10:00 a.m. Online Community Worship
11:30 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom

MONDAY, 04/06:

TUESDAY, 04/07:

WEDNESDAY, 04/08:
6:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

THURSDAY, 04/09: MAUNDY THURSDAY
6:00 p.m. Community Meal from afar: All are invited to enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread at home.
7:00 p.m. Joint Online Worship with Christ UMC w/stripping of the altar.

FRIDAY, 04/10: GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. Joint Online Tenebrae with Christ UMC

SATURDAY, 04/11: HOLY SATURDAY
9am – 12pm Food Pantry and Food Delivery
7:00 p.m. Joint Online Vigil with Christ UMC

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 12: EASTER SUNDAY
6:30 a.m. Online Easter Sunrise Service
9:15 a.m. Children’s Message via Zoom
10:00 a.m. Online Community Worship
11:30 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom

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
WORSHIP ASSISTANT.................................Robin Jessen
POET LAUREATE.................................................Jean Clark
COUNTER..............................................................Lynne Rice
FOR INFO ON HOW TO ACCESS ONLINE WORSHIP AND ACTIVITES, PLEASE VISIT westparkucc.org. All worship opportunities are listed under the COVID-19 UPDATE tab.

NO INTERNET ACCESS? You may use the following phone number to listen in to worship.

SUNDAY 10am:  
+1 929 205 6099, webinar ID: 503 841 134

COFFEE HOUR 11:30am:  
+1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID: 198 946 112

HOLY SATURDAY 7:00pm:  
+1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID: 364 764 870

With apologies, our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are pre-recorded; they cannot be accessed without an internet connection.

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 in honor of Dave Schleich's 90th birthday, celebrated on March 22, 2020, by his family: Edna, Julie and Chris.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Thank you for your offerings of Operating $1,720, OCWM $54, Pink - Laura's Home $15, Easter Memorial Fund $20, Food Pantry $5,610.

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 NEEDED: Our food pantry and delivery team NEED YOUR HELP! We have ways you might volunteer your time:

1. Food procurement team – you set your own schedule!
2. Friday food packing team – 10am-12pm
3. Saturday food pantry team – 9am-12pm
4. Saturday delivery drivers – 9:30am – 12pm

ALL HANDS ON DECK! We have procedures in place to keep our volunteers safe as well. Please call the church office @ 216.671.7228 to sign up.

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

THANK YOU: We are so very grateful for our friends at Christ UMC for hosting us the last three weeks and thankful the partnership between our two churches continues to thrive and grow!

CARE CIRCLES: We borrowed the idea of this ministry from our friends at Christ UMC. We hope to put together a group of 10-15 people who are willing to make regular calls to our church members while we are unable to meet in person. If you are willing to help with this new ministry, please contact Pastor Jason.

WE PRAY FOR: All those affected by COVID-19, Michael Parent, 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. All front line workers especially for nurses, doctors and grocery store workers.
EASTER COMMUNION: For Easter Sunday, April 12, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion as a community, each from our homes. You are invited to create a sacred space to observe this holy meal using a simple cloth, a candle, a cup with juice (or any potable liquid), and a plate with a piece of bread. We will pour the cup and break the bread together. Pastor Jason will walk us all through the Sacrament together during worship. Here are two possible set ups: