EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020

WEST PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(please check-in on Facebook to let us know you are okay!)
INTRODUCTION TO EASTER WORSHIP

MUSICAL 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.)

*PROFESSION OF FAITH
Pastor:  Christ is risen!
Many:    Christ is risen indeed!
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HYMN       “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP:
One:    Come to me, all you who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!
Many:   On you has the light shone!
One:    For Jesus Christ is the light of the world, and this is the story;
Many:   the light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not put it out!
One:    Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.
Many:   We join with the angels in their hymns of praise;
One:    Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, Alleluia!
Many:   Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
2 Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!
3 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708
GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)
This is the day you made, O God, a day of gladness and rejoicing. You cause new life to burst forth with great beauty and fragrance. You adorn the creation with great grandeur and splendor. You give your people a taste of your righteousness as we worship the Christ, the cup of new life. Be with us now as we enter the gates of your temple and hear us as we give you thanksgiving and praise. 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.

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING Mark 16:1-8
One: God is still speaking
Many: And we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Remember and Celebrate”

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HYMN “As We Gather at Your Table”

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As We Gather at Your Table

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.

Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
There no more will envious bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,

Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love’s victory known.
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts: “Joy to the World,” which was the motto for the celebration: “Repeat the sounding joy.”

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.
The Sacred Harp, 1844
Harmonized. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

(Please pray the words most comfortable to you. Here are two options.)

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

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

MONDAY, 04/13:
Office Closed

TUESDAY, 04/14:

WEDNESDAY, 04/15:
6:00 p.m.  Zoom Bible Study

THURSDAY, 04/16:

FRIDAY, 04/17:

SATURDAY, 04/18:
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
  Food Pantry
2:00 p.m.  Prayer Shawl

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19:
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
POET LAUREATE..................................................Jean Clark
COUNTER............................................................Lynne Rice

FOR INFO ON HOW TO ACCESS ONLINE WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES, 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
Password: 210502

COFFEE HOUR 11:30am:
+1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID: 198 946 112
Password: 654965

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Thank you for your offerings of $1,551, OCWM $114, Pink - One Great Hour of Sharing $45, Food Pantry $734, Easter $295

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.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have prayer requests you would like lifted up in Sunday worship, please email or call the church office. Please submit all requests before Wednesday morning at 9am to be included in the weekly bulletin
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.

WEEKLY BULLETIN: Everyone is encouraged to print your weekly bulletin each week before worship to help guide you through our service. The bulletin will be emailed to you each week or you can find a copy on our website under the about us tab.

VIRTUAL DISRUPTIONS AND INCLUSIVE THEOLOGY: Over the last few weeks, online hackers have disrupted some church gatherings (worship, bible study, Zoom meetings) with offensive language and images. Accordingly, there are now passwords to access many of our events. But what does it mean when we say “ALL ARE WELCOME” and then require the hurdle of a password? What does it mean when we say “ALL ARE WELCOME” but deny access to those outside our community who are seeking God during these days? Our belief in an extravagant welcome to all God’s children supersedes any concerns of disruptions. As such, all of the passwords to our events are publicly displayed on our website (except access to our Children’s time). Should we encounter any of these malicious attacks, we will pause, take care of it and move forward. Because at our church, in all times and all places, ALL ARE WELCOME.

BIBLE STUDY will meet each Wednesday at 6pm via Zoom, an outline platform where we can meet virtually or by calling in. This week will read and discuss John 20:19-31. If you would like to participate, you may join the Bible study each week through our website under the COVID-19 tab. The meeting ID is 973 685 062 and the password is 004757. If you don't have the capability to join in this way, you may call in as well. For audio only, dial 1 929 205 6099. When prompted for a meeting ID, enter 973 685 062; the password is 004757.
WE PRAY FOR: All those affected by COVID-19, Michael Parent, Dede Todd, Reneé Thayer, Pastor Larry & Christina Craig, Deb Solyan, Jen Krejza, 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, the family and friends of Terry Kovacs, Brittany Lyn & Abby Graves Campbell, her Uncle Tom Bloss & her grandparents - Darryl & Carol Campbell. Brittany & Abby are in quarantine after taking medication to Abby’s invalid Uncle & her grandparents. Abby’s grandfather & Uncle are hospitalized & on ventilators. Grandfather is weak but responsive. Uncle is unresponsive. Grandma was discharged & is home. Donnie Marsh and Hallie Moreland for rescheduling their wedding, and Aaron Schaffer and Elizabeth Cika for rescheduling their wedding, Anthony Grande, Chris Venesile’s uncle, who is struggling with lung cancer.