EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  JULY 26, 2020

WEST PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)
We gather together in Your presence, O God, with
expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.
Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit. May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil.
May they take root in our hearts and lives and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds.
Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING
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Please continue your tithes and gifts to our church as best you are able during these uncertain economic times. You may mail your offerings to West Park UCC, 3909 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, OH 44111.

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
Many: Holy One, You call us to be your light in the darkness, your hope for the hopeless. You give us strength in our weakness to proclaim more of you and less of us. May our offerings of time and treasure be pleasing to you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:31-53
One: God is still speaking
Many: and we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Rev. Tony Clark

HYMN: “You Are the Seed” Pages 4 & 5

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Sois la Semilla
(You Are the Seed)

Unison D A7 Bm D

1 Sois la semilla que ha de crecer, sois es-
    trella que ha de brillar. Sois leva-du-ra, sois
1 You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a
    star that will shine through the day;
    small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the night.

G G6 A7 D A

Sois la maña-na que vuel-ve-a na- cer sois es-
    pi-ga que es-mie-pie-za-gran-ar. Sois a-gui-jón y ca-
    soft, gen-tle touch, my wit-ness-es where'er you go.

Bm G D G6 A7 D

gra-no de sal, an-tor-cha que debe-a-lum-brar.
    ri-ca la vez, tes-ti-gos que voy a en-viar.
    Id, a-mi-gas, por el mun-do, a-nun-cian-do el a-

A

Sed, a-mi-gos, mis tes-ti-gos de mi re-su-rec-
    Go, my friends, go to the world, pro-claim-ing love to
Be, my friends, a loy-al wit-ness, from the dead I a-

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mor, mensajes de la vida,
ción. Id llevando mi presencia;
all, messengers of my forgiving peace,
rose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever,
de la paz y el perdón. con ustedes estoy.
e - te rnal love. till the end of the world."

2 Sois una llama
que ha de encender
Sois los pas-to-res que han de lle-var
al mun-do por sen-das de paz.
Sois los a-mi-gos que qui-se es-co-ger,
sois pa-la-bra que in-ten-to es-par-cir.
Sois rei-no nue-vos
que em-pie-zas en-en-gen-drar
jus-ti-cia, a-mor y ver-dad.
Estríbillo

2 You are the flame that will bright-en
the way,
send-ing spar-kles of hope, faith,
and love;
you are the shep-herds
to lead the whole world
through val-leys and pas-tures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for my-self,
the word that I want to pro-claim.
You are the cit-y that's built on a rock
where jus-tice and truth al-ways reign.
Refrain

3 Sois fue-go y sa-bia
que vi-ne a tra-er,
sois la o-la que a-gi-ta la mar.
La le-va-du-ra pe-queña de a-yer
fer-men-ta la ma-sa del pan.
U-na ciu-dad no se pue-de es-con-der,
ni los mon-tes se han de o-cul-tar,
en es-tas o-bras que bus-can el bien,
em mun-do a Dios ha de ver.
Estríbillo

3 You are the life that will nur-ture the plant;
you're the waves in a tur-bu-let sea;
yes-ter-day's yeast is be-gin-nings to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a cit-y to hide,
nor a moun-tain can cov-er its might;
may your good deeds
show a world in de-spair
a path that will lead all to God.
Refrain

This hymn by Spanish theologian César Gaborain first appeared in the collection Dios con nosotros, published in Madrid. The tune, which can be translated in English as "Go and Teach," was arranged by Mexican organist and choral director Skinner Chávez-Melo.

Tune: ID Y ENSEÑAD 10.9.10.8.D. with refrain
César Gaborain, 1979
Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987
THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

SUNDAY, 07/26:
10:00 a.m. Community Worship
10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m. Community Meal

MONDAY, 07/27:
TUESDAY, 07/28:
WEDNESDAY, 07/29:
THURSDAY, 07/30:
FRIDAY, 07/31:
SATURDAY, 08/01:
SUNDAY, 08/02:
10:00 a.m. Community Worship
10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

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
LECTORS........................................Robin Jessen, Debbie Miller
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, meeting ID: 503 841 134

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR AFTER WORSHIP:
+1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID is 198 946 112
Passcode is 493586

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

WE WELCOME TODAY Rev. Dr. Tony Clark, who is preaching for us today. Rev. Clark, an Ohio native, currently serves as the Minister for Committee on Ministry and Development and Leadership at the UCC National Office. He holds an M.Div. from Eden Theological Seminary, a B.S. in Microbiology and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Ohio State University. He and his husband live in Lakewood and enjoy making improvements to their 110 year old house.

WORSHIP ACCESS: For our members and friends who dial in by phone to listen to our worship services, beginning this week, a passcode is required when calling. To access worship, please call 929 205 6099, meeting ID 503 841 134, passcode 447447

PASTOR JASON will be away from the church until Monday, August 3. If you need emergency pastoral assistance, please contact The Rev. Brooke Baker at 440-331-0834. All voicemails will be returned within 30 minutes.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Thank you for your contributions to the church and its missions in these challenging times. Thank you for your offerings of Operating $2,750, OCWM $80, Pink: Strengthen the Church $40, Providence House $10, Food Pantry $65, Light the Steeple $25, Pastor’s Discretionary Fund $100

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

FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry is open every 2nd and 3rd Saturday from 9am-11am. 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.

CANCELLATIONS: As we continue to work together for the safety of our community, we are saddened to announce that the Strawberry Social (rescheduled for August 22), Pride in the CLE celebration (rescheduled for September 12), our annual Father’s Day picnic (rescheduled for September 13) and our All Church Retreat (rescheduled for Nov. 13-15) are cancelled. We hope to host and participate in all of these events next year.

PINK ENVELOPE: July’s pink envelope is for Providence House. This organization provides safe havens for infants and young children while their parents are dealing with crises in their own lives. The program offers parenting classes so that parents and children can eventually be reunited.

NEW DIRECTORY! I will be putting together a new phone directory of our members over the next couple of months. If you have a new phone number, got rid of your “land line”, have a new email address or physical address, name change, etc. please send it in – call 216-671-7228, email westparkuccoffice@gmail.com or mail to 3909 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, OH 44111. I will publish the updated directory towards the end of August or early September. Thank you – Linda

IN SYMPATHY: to the family and friends of Scott Miles, Geri Frimel’s son. He transitioned to eternal life on June 16.

Mary Zimmerman would like to extend a thank you for her birthday cards and flowers from church friends. It was nice to be remembered.
One of West Park UCC's members, Bill Armstrong, a retired UCC minister, has just published his latest book about one of America's most celebrated preachers, Edward T. Taylor, known as Father Taylor. Taylor, an uneducated former sailor, became a Methodist minister and served a church for sailors in Boston for forty years. His eloquence was admired by people such as Walt Whitman, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Horace Mann, and the Peabody sisters, and their descriptions of him and his preaching and those of many others are the center of the book. You can find the book on Amazon.
WE PRAY FOR: All those affected by COVID-19, all those affected by systemic racism in our country, for the safety and well-being of our law enforcement officers. Dede Todd, Reneé Thayer, Pastor Larry & Christina Craig, Wilda Donegan, Grace Burgess, Edna & Dave Schleich, Jean Clark, LaShanda Harper, Geri Frimel, Dolly Chappell, Janet Gorman, Grace Green, Georgia Smith, Wanda Paulin, Carol Hunt, Midge Karnatz, Anna Belle Rice, Bryan Hrehocik, nursing home and at home members & friends. Anthony Grande, Chris Venesile’s uncle, who is struggling with lung cancer. Mr. Mancuso, Dan Nelson & family, Sila & Jose, Brenda, Lelah, Ruby, Betty, Kathy Welsh, David Damm & family, Zach Milstead, Catherine Chavers, the family of Nancy Monaghan’s aunt, Cecelia, Tony Case, Scott Miles, Rich Roscoe, Richard and Scotty, Marty & Janie.

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