NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    AUGUST 2, 2020

WEST PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)
We come believing in our emptiness, believing that we will never have enough, believing that what we have is unworthy.

We come fearful of sharing, fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security, fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others.

We come overwhelmed by the hunger, overwhelmed by the suffering of children near and far, overwhelmed by the endless tales of senseless violence, greed, and death.

We come aching from the weight of the responsibility, aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our abundance, aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share.

We come clinging to our meager lunches; Bless them, and us.
Break them, and us.
Share them, and us. 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. 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
Many: Giving God,
We give you thanks and praise for all of Your gifts to us.
We know that you are the source of every good thing, light and love come from you.
You have created us, and you continue to breathe life into us through the power of your Holy Spirit.
You have given us so much, and it is because we recognize the gifts you have given to us that we now give to the work of beloved community.
(Please turn page)
We now dedicate this offering
to the work of your realm here on earth.
May our collection be used wisely and diligently,
that your love may be known widely. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS  Isaiah 55:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21
One:   God is still speaking
Many:  and we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

SERMON:  Rev. Tony Clark

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
The Church of Christ, in Every Age

Fred Pratt Green, 1969

1 The church of Christ, in every age be-
set by change, but Spirit led, Must
claim and test its heritage and
keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street, the
time of injustice cry For
shelter and for bread to eat, and
never live before they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise, a
leader that longs to be A
partner in Christ’s sacrifice, and
clothed in Christ’s humanity.

Poet Fred Pratt Green has been a chaplain, parish minister, administrator, and playwright. Since retiring from parish responsibilities in 1969, he has been an active hymnwriter and makes his home in Norwich, England.

Tune: WAREHAM L.M.
William Knapp, 1738

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THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

SUNDAY, 08/02:
10:00 a.m.               Community Worship
10:45 a.m.               Coffee Hour

MONDAY, 08/03:

TUESDAY, 08/04:

WEDNESDAY, 08/05:

THURSDAY, 08/06:

FRIDAY, 08/07:

SATURDAY, 08/08:
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.               Food Pantry

SUNDAY, 08/09:
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

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

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.

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 with 30 minutes. Starting August 3, 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 contributions to the church and its missions in these challenging times. Thank you for your offerings of Operating $1,216, OCWM $59, Pink - Providence House $20, Refund North Olmsted picnic $425
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: This month's pink envelope offering is for Church Members in Need. Jesus says, 'Love your neighbor.' Sometimes those neighbors are members of our church. God calls us to be witnesses of Christ by helping members who are in need. Thanks to contributions in previous years, our church has been able to provide basic essentials to those in a stressful situation. During this pandemic, thank you for showing love to our Members in Need by generously giving to the August pink envelope.

THE GOOD NEWS, August – September 2020 edition, will be published this week!
NEW DIRECTORY! I will be putting together a new phone / email 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
William H. Armstrong

Father Taylor
Boston's Sailor Preacher
As Seen and Heard by His Contemporaries
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, 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. Dolores Holliday, 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, Bernadette Derenberger, Bill and Jean.

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