GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)
Merciful God,
In love you created us,
and in love you sustain us, day after day.

So it is with confidence that we bring our worship to you this day, knowing that you will be pleased by our hearts and voices joining as one to celebrate the gift of Christ Jesus and the good news to the whole world.

Bless our efforts this day, that our efforts might be pleasing in your sight. 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.
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,

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

OFFERING
You may mail your offerings to West Park UCC, 3909 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, OH 44111.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
Almighty God,
Bless our gifts, our offerings of time and talent, that they might further your work in our troubled and fractured world.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING  Matthew 15:10-28
One:  God is still speaking
Many:  and we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

MUSICAL OFFERING

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
SUNDAY, 08/16:
10:00 a.m. Community Worship
10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:00 p.m. Annual Teachers’ Luncheon

MONDAY, 08/17:

TUESDAY, 08/18:
6:00 p.m. Deacons
7:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance

WEDNESDAY, 08/19:
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY, 08/20:

FRIDAY, 08/21:

SATURDAY, 08/22:
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Living Water Association Webinar: Can Money Be Sacred

SUNDAY, 08/23:
10:00 a.m. Community Worship
10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:00 p.m. Outdoor Prayer Meeting

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
LECTOR.................................................................Judi Wiseman
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.

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 resuming limited in person visitation on Thursdays of each week. All visits will take place outdoors, respecting physical distance and facial coverings. Visits will be limited to 30 minutes. To schedule a visit, please call the church office at 216-671-7228. Pastor has returned to his earlier schedule and is now observing sabbath on Fridays.

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 $3,585, OCWM $115, Pink - Our Members in Need $25, Food Pantry $1150

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.

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. For members and friends who are older or have underlying health issues, we are here to help with food delivery as well. If you need help with food supplies, contact the church office and we will arrange to deliver food to your home.
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.

NEW DIRECTORY! We 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. We will publish the updated directory towards the end of August or early September.

DRIVE-UP HOLY COMMUNION: On Sunday, September 6, we will observe Holy Communion in the parking lot of our church. If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament, please arrive at the church between 12pm and 1pm. Please stay in your car. Pastor Jason will serve each car the juice and the bread in the order you arrive.

BOOK STUDY: So You Want to Talk about Race
In So You Want to Talk About Race, Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to “model minorities” in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life. West Park UCC, in partnership with Christ United Methodist, will host a five week Zoom book study starting September 2, taking place each Wednesday night in September at 6pm for 75 minutes. For more information or to sign up visit the CHRISTIAN EDUCATION tab at westparkucc.org.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LECTOR? WOULD YOU LIKE TO OFFER MUSIC? If you are interested in leading worship on Sunday mornings as our lector or with a musical offering, please contact the church office at 216.671.7228.
FOOD PANTRY SHOPPERS: Our food pantry is in need of a little help. We are seeking people who can come by the church during the week to grocery shop and return the food to the church. If you have availability, please contact the church office @ 216.671.7228 or email our Food Pantry Coordinator Sara Jovanovic at WESTPARKUCCPANTRY@GMAIL.COM

WEST PARK UCC FUNDRAISING DINNER GOES VIRTUAL! COVID-19 has impacted so many aspects of our daily lives but we've adapted as a church family to find new meaning in our faith as we worship virtually and continue the important outreach ministries of our church. In that “can-do” tradition, the Board of Growth & Outreach voted to hold this year’s fundraising dinner virtually on Saturday, September 19, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. As with our previous fundraisers, participants will enjoy a sing-along, country-western trivia, and a gift basket drawing, but this time from the comfort of your own home! A finger-lickin’ dinner of fried chicken, pulled pork sliders, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, cornbread and apple pie will be available for pick-up in the church parking lot between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m., providing participants with ample time to return home and enjoy dinner before the festivities begin. To order tickets, call the church office at 216-671-7228 or email Dan Moreland

VOTE BY MAIL: Did you know that all Ohio voters are allowed to vote by mail? Cuyahoga County residents may request a ballot application at https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/
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. Chris Venesile and Family, Zoey Hrehocik, Kevin Shank.

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