THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  AUG. 30, 2020

WEST PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

Loving God,
You call us to turn away from our own selfish interests,
to take up our cross,
and to follow after you—
to find our lives by giving them up to your greater purpose.

So we come before you this morning with open hearts and open hands, eager to hear your Word, and eager to know your will.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, move within us and among us as we worship. Open our eyes to your presence, open our ears to your call, open our hearts to one another. And then send us back out into the world, to live and work as your faithful disciples.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Church's One Foundation

Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11

Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.

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Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel J. Wesley, 1864

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
4 Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,

we are Christ's new creation by water and the word;
one character of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth;
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,

with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.
to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

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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.

SCRIPTURE READING  Romans 12:9-21
One: God is still speaking
Many: and we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Do we really know how to love each other?”

OFFERING
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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

MUSICAL OFFERING  - Selections from “Jesus Christ Superstar” by Doug Henderson

COMMUNITY PRAYERS
PASTORAL PRAYER
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE
SUNDAY, 08/30:
10:00 a.m. Community Worship
10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m. Community Meal

MONDAY, 08/31:

TUESDAY, 09/01:
6:00 p.m. Deacons

WEDNESDAY, 09/02:
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Book Study

THURSDAY, 09/03:

FRIDAY, 09/04:

SATURDAY, 09/05:

SUNDAY, 09/06:
10:00 a.m. Community Worship
10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:00 p.m. Drive Up Communion

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.........................................................Gail Kenney
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.

THE STEEPLE WILL SHINE in Thanksgiving to God for all my
Blessings, from Kathy Rennette, who encourages you all to do the
same.
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 $1,790, OCWM $49, Pink - Our Members in Need $525, Rent $550, Memorial Fund $100, Fund Raiser Dinner $165, Food Pantry $20

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 and Kathy Rennette will serve each car the juice and the bread in the order you arrive.

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.
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: 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 are nearly done with an updated phone / email directory of our members! 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 or email westparkuccoffice@gmail.com We will publish the updated directory next week.

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.
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/
You're invited to a
VIRTUAL
COUNTRY WESTERN
HOEDOWN

A Guaranteed Rootin’-Tootin’ Good Time!

Tickets
Adults: $20; 12-18: $10
Children Under 12: $5
Children Under 5: FREE

Dinner Menu
Fried Chicken
Pulled Pork Sliders
Macaroni & Cheese
Baked Beans
Cornbread
Apple Pie

Including trivia and a sing-along of the best country songs of all time!

SATURDAY, SEP. 19
7:00-8:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM

Pick Up Your ‘To-Go’ Dinner at Church Parking Lot Between 3:00-5:00 p.m.

SEE YOU VIRTUALLY THERE!

Contact Gail Kenney (216) 251-1512 if you would like to donate a gift basket for this year’s fundraising dinner.
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, Makari family, Rollins family, the family of Donna Garrett (Pastor Jason’s aunt)

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