14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

WEST PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
PRELUDE

GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)
You, O God, illumine our world with the light of a new day, the day of our salvation in Jesus’ name. Remind us of your presence here this day as we lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light and truth. Let us be your light. Let us be your helpers, just as you are our salvation. It is by the eternal hope of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-14
One: God is still speaking
Many: and we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “For the love of…EVERYONE”

HYMN: “They Will Know We Are Christians by our Love”

MISSION MOMENT – Neighborhood Family Practice

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)
Generous God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, You have shown us what it means to love. And you’ve called us to follow your example—to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, to offer our lives and our resources in your service.
Accept the gifts we offer today. May they help to spread the love we have received to the world around us. Amen.
They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are
   one in the Lord, We are one in the
   walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
   side by side, We will work with each

2. We will walk with each other, we will
   Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, And we
   oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, And to-
   oth-er, we will work side by side, And we'll

3. We will work with each other, we will
   pray that all unity may one day be re-
   gath-er we'll spread the news that God is in our
   guard hu-man's dig-ni-ty and save hu-man's

stored:
land: And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are

Chris-tians by our love.

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from RE:Worship
THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

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

MONDAY, 09/07: Labor Day
Office Closed

TUESDAY, 09/08:
6:30 p.m. MOPS

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

THURSDAY, 09/10:

FRIDAY, 09/11:
PASTOR’S SABBATH DAY – Office Closed

SATURDAY, 09/12:
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Food Pantry
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteer Morning

SUNDAY, 09/13: WELCOME HOME SUNDAY!
9:00 a.m. Community In Person Worship
10:00 a.m. Online Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Community In Person Worship and Live Stream

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.......................................................Lynne Rice
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 $1,084, OCWM $10, Fund Raiser $40, Food Pantry $45

DRIVE-UP HOLY COMMUNION TODAY: 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 and follow the directions of the Parking Lot Guide. 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.
IN PERSON WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE AT 9:00 A.M. AND
11:00 A.M. STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, WE INVITE YOU TO CONTINUE TO WORSHIP FROM HOME:

- Do you have a body temperature of 100 degrees or higher?
- Have you recently come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
- Do you have underlying health conditions that would put you at greater risk of developing complications from COVID-19?
- Are you unwilling or unable to follow any of the new operating protocols?
- Worship will be available online at 11:00 a.m. @ YouTube.com/westparkucc or by dialing in to 1 929 205 6099 (Meeting ID: 503 841 134).

WHEN YOU ARRIVE...

- Only worship leaders who have been pre-assigned for the day will remain in the narthex. All others will be asked to take a seat as soon as you arrive to church. Temperature checks are mandatory for all worship leaders.
- Before leaving home to come to church, please check your temperature; wash your hands with soap and hot water for at least twenty seconds and don your facial covering.
- When arriving at church, please maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from anyone outside your own household.
- Please do not park at 5/3 bank. The building is now occupied by a new business. The lot at Centers for Families and Children is still accessible.
- Enter through front doors only – Truax entrance will remain locked. Please do not enter the church office.
- Upon entering, a worship leader will write down your name, rather than each person signing an attendance pad. Any prayers you might like lifted up in worship will also be recorded at this time.
• Only two individuals or one family group will be allowed in the narthex at the same time.
• Each person will wear a facial covering that covers their mouth and nose at all times while in the building. If you do not have one, a mask will be provided. Young children may remove their masks while seated.
• Please use hand sanitizer (located in the narthex) before moving into the sanctuary.
• A basket for offerings and tithes is located at the entrance to the sanctuary. The Deacons will not pass the offering plates.
• One-way traffic – in through center aisle, out via side aisles.
• Should you need to visit the restroom, please limit to two persons in the restroom at a time. Each restroom has been equipped with no touch soap dispensers.
• Every other pew is closed off and the balcony is also closed to general seating. When entering, each person should move into the pew, sitting as far from the center aisle as possible. Families with children should sit next to the center aisle if they wish their children to come forward during our children’s message offered at the 11am service.
• During children’s message, children will be invited to come forward and to return to their seats using the center aisle.
• There will be no in-person Sunday School classes; all children will receive a worship bulletin with crayons when they arrive.
• For the time being, there will be no congregational singing.
• Bulletins will be available for pickup when you enter the sanctuary. Please take your bulletin with you when you leave.
• After service ends, you will be invited to exit the sanctuary one row at a time. Our worship team will dismiss you.
• Bathrooms and pews will be thoroughly sanitized after each service.
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.

THANK YOU to Clarence Chavers for providing our music today. Thank you to Doug Henderson for providing our music last week.

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.

SEPTEMBER PINK ENVELOPE: This month's pink envelope offering is for Neighborhood Family Practice or NFP. NFP is a group of federally qualified Health Centers that offer high quality, affordable health care in 7 west side neighborhoods to patients, regardless of their ability to pay. They provide medical and preventive care, as well as women’s health, midwifery, pediatrics, psychiatry, counseling and dental care. The cost of a visit ranges from $5 to $45 depending on income, family size and rating on the Poverty Level Scale. They also accept Medicaid, Medicare and most insurance plans. Many patients that they serve have been laid off and lost their health insurance. NFP has their own pharmacy, which is able to purchase medicines at lower prices and pass the savings on to their clients. You can call a Center for 24 hour access to a provider and their team who can answer your health related questions. All donations large or small will enable Neighborhood Family Practice to continue to offer access to services not covered by Medicare or Medicaid. Good health is each person’s greatest asset. For more information, visit NFPmedcenter.org

NEW DIRECTORY! An updated member directory is now available! You will be able to pick up a copy at worship starting September 13. If you do not plan to come to church and would like a print copy mailed or emailed as a .PDF file please contact the church office.
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/

THE STEEPLE WILL SHINE THIS WEEK in honor of Rachel Hrehocik’s 17th Birthday on September 9 – Love, Dad and Lisa
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, SEPT. 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.

5th Annual
West Park UCC
Fundraising
Dinner and Gift Basket Raffle
Hosted Virtually by
West Park UCC
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), Sasha Jolly.

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