Welcome Home

West Park United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation

You Sure Were Missed!

16th Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2020

West Park United Church of Christ

Online Service 11:00 A.M.
How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome
2. When thru the woods and forest glades I
3. And when I think that God, His Son not
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

...conceives all the worlds Thy hands have
...And hear the birds sing sweetly in the
...sent Him to die, I scarce can take it
...And take me home, what joy shall fill my

...I see the stars, I hear the rolling
...When I look down from lofty mountain
...That on the cross, my burden gladly
...Then I shall bow in humble adoration

...Thy power throughout the universe displayed!
...And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
...He bled and died to take away my sin!
...And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE
(You are invited to offer a greeting from your seat, offering the Peace of Jesus Christ from your own pew. Please do not move about the Sanctuary during this time.)

PRAYER OF GATHERING (Unison)
One: Call all the laborers, O God,
Many: Call your laborers who woke early,
   Call your laborers who came late,
   Call your laborers who feel wronged,
   Call your laborers who feel overlooked,
   Call your laborers who can't feed their children with this wage,
   Call your laborers who know they are working in your fields,
   Call your laborers who use their wage to increase your love,
One: Tell us to roll up our sleeves
Many: For we know that we have work to do.
   Let us find you in the work we share here and now, in Christ's presence we pray. 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.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
Loving and righteous God, you are far more generous to us, and to all who work in your kingdom, than we desire or deserve. Make us generous to others as you have been to us. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING  Matthew 20: 1-16
One:  God is still speaking
Many:  and we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

SERMON:  “God Is Not Fair”

MUSICAL OFFERING  “Broken Vessels/ Amazing Grace”
By Houston/Myrin  Performed by Kathleen Moreland

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Parts of today’s service were adapted from Re: Worship
THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

SUNDAY, 09/20:
9:00 a.m. Community Worship
10:00 a.m. Online Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Community Worship and Live Stream

MONDAY, 09/21: COUNCIL REPORTS DUE
7:00 p.m. Mood Disorder Support Group - Bartter Hall

TUESDAY, 09/22:
7:00 p.m. Online Stewardship & Finance

WEDNESDAY, 09/23:
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Online Book Study

THURSDAY, 09/24:
7:00 p.m. Online Church Council

FRIDAY, 09/25:
PASTOR’S SABBATH DAY – Office Closed
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon – Bartter Hall

SATURDAY, 09/26:

SUNDAY, 09/27:
9:00 a.m. Community Worship
10:00 a.m. Online Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Community Worship and Live Stream
11:30 a.m. Community Meal to Go

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
FOOD PANTRY COORDINATOR...........Sara Jovanovic
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR................Linda Ferro
SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATOR........Rachel Miller
AUDIO/VIDEO COORDINATOR..............Dan Moreland
POET LAUREATE..........................Jean Clark
LECTORS..........................Margaret Owens (9:00), Gail Kenney (11:00)
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 11:00 am:
+1 929 205 6099, meeting ID: 503 841 134
Passcode is 447447

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR at 10:00 a.m.:
+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.

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 $3954, OCWM $194, Pink - Neighborhood Family Practice $60, Rent $1950, Fund Raiser $80

COMMUNITY MEAL NEXT WEEK! Stop by and pick up a yummy to go meal starting at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meet your neighbors (socially distanced) and say hello!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LECTOR? WOULD YOU LIKE TO OFFER MUSIC? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR WORSHIP TEAM AS A GREETER? If you are interested in assisting in worship on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office at 216.671.7228 or email at westparkuccoffice@gmail.com.
THANK YOU to Kathleen Moreland for providing our musical offering today. Thank you to Doug Henderson for providing gathering music at the 11:00 service today.

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.

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

NEW DIRECTORY! An updated member directory is now available! Copies are available in the Narthex, please, one per family. 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.

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
IN PERSON WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE AT 9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. STARTING 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. at 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.
Memorial Gifts in memory of: From:

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The memorials and gifts listed here were from members who had given gifts originally intended as Easter gifts. Thank you to all.
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, the family of Kathleen Stoll, Lori, Terry Wade, Rodney Pauley, Shirley Gardella, Family of Det James Skernivitz.