17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

WEST PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Online Service 11:00 A.M.
PRELUDE

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: We come to worship and praise our God, and to learn more about the wonders of our God.

Many: How great and wonderful is our Compassionate God.

One: We come, with ears and hearts open to God, ready to discover more of God’s mysteries and miracles.

Many: How generous and caring is our Forgiving God.

One: We gather to share together in our common history, and to experience the enrichment which that brings us.

Many: All praise and honor to God for past and present blessings, and for God’s merciful love and grace. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
(at 11am service only)

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
One: God is always with us, not just when everything seems clear and times are good, but also when we struggle with questions and doubt. When we cry out to God, our prayers are heard. When the world cries out to God, we are part of God’s answer, offering water in the desert, offering nourishment to a world that is spiritually hungry. Our gifts this morning are our answer to God’s own goodness. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

We are invited to offer our gifts as we are able, either by mail or in person. This morning’s offering will now be received.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
Many: For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of time and labor, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:23-32
One: God is still speaking
Many: and we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

SERMON: There is no messiah coming to save us…
HYMN  “Holy, Holy, Holy”

1. Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
   Early in the morning
   we praise your majesty.
   Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
   God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
   Casting down their golden crowns
   around the glassy sea;
   Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
   From the beginning, God eternally.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
   Though the eyes of humankind
   your glory may not see,
   You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
   Perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
   All your works shall praise your name
   in earth and sky and sea.
   Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
   God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Parts of today’s service were adapted from Discipleship Ministries
THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

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
12:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting

MONDAY, 09/28:
7:00 p.m. Mood Disorder Support Group - Bartter Hall

TUESDAY, 09/29:

WEDNESDAY, 09/30:
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Online Book Study

THURSDAY, 10/01:

FRIDAY, 10/02:
Pastor’s Sabbath Day – Office Closed
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon – Bartter Hall

SATURDAY, 10/03:

SUNDAY, 10/04:
9:00 a.m. Community Worship & Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Online Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Community Worship, Holy Communion 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
FOOD PANTRY COORDINATOR...............Sara Jovanovic
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR.........................Linda Ferro
SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATOR...............Rachel Miller
AUDIO/VIDEO COORDINATOR...................Dan Moreland
POET LAUREATE.................................Jean Clark
LECTORS.............................Lester Armstrong (9:00), Judy Rogers (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 $2104, OCWM $89, Pink - Neighborhood Family Practice $15, Alber Scholarship (Wittenberg) $1,268.04, Fund Raiser $565.

COMMUNITY MEAL TODAY! 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.
FOOD PANTRY: On Sunday, October 4, you are invited to bring gifts of peanut butter and jelly as part of your offering when we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is our tradition of to offer food items to our Food Pantry on the first Sunday of each month as we are able.

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

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 depends 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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Thanks to the Board of Growth and Outreach for the hard work put into the Hoedown Fundraiser – the food was great, and the virtual hoedown was a lot of fun!
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. Diane Lett, Nancy Krueger, 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, 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, Rebecca Berndsen, Chip Robbins, Paula, David, Tim.

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