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Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2017 10:30 AM Worship

*At the ringing of the carillon, please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.***

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

COME

Voluntary My Soul Hath a Desire and Longing to Enter Into the
Courts of the Lord George Oldroyd

*Call to Worship Anne Karney

The eternal Father, who loved us and set us free from our sins, who loves us still with that love that will not let us go, and who will love us forever, calls us to worship him today as the only true lover of our souls.

The Lord stoops to receive the love of our hearts, and calls us to remember the depth of love for us in Christ. God seeks our love! Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving to the Risen Lord.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

*Hymn 303 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Time for Church Life

Please sign the friendship pad and pass to those seated near you. If you are the last person to sign on that page, please tear it out and leave it on the pew for the ushers to pick up after the service.

Offertory

O Sing Unto the Lord
Text: Psalm 96: 1-3

Hans Leo Hassler

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all
creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Pierce and Jensen Ehrler, sons of Tracy McLean Ehrler and Doug Ehrler

Sung to the tune of Hymn 498

**Child of blessing, child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's
sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace
divine.**

Time for Young Disciples

Sheila Svoboda

*Following the Time for Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited
to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergarteners through 3rd
graders are invited to children's choir rehearsal in Room 207 of the
Education Building and 4th-8th graders will meet in Pastor's Study annex
for bell rehearsal. Sheila will meet the children at the Sanctuary door on
the lectern side and take the children to their appropriate classrooms so
that parents may not miss the readings and sermon. Parents and
guardians, please pick up your children following worship.*

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 119

*Hymn 505 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

The Second Lesson Luke 24:13-35

Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 90

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Sermon Road Trip

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

God was pleased, in God's eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus to be the mediator between God and human beings. As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. God gave to him, from all eternity, a people to be by him, in time, redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, has purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

*Join us for coffee and fellowship
in Wright-Herberich Hall after worship today.*

Welcome to our worship this morning!

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given by the Samuel Laferty family in memory of Debbie's parents, Warren and Jean Grable.

USHERS this morning are Brad Hall (head usher), James and Sook Lee, Bob Pulling, Andi Jopperi and Mike Grau.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available. Please ask an usher.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available. Please ask an usher.

CHILDREN'S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher.

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

ADULT EDUCATION A new adult series continues today. The list of class topics is in the March/April Script, pick one up on the church literature racks at the doors. The Sunday, May 7 topic will be *Capital Punishment* led by Pastor Hauerwas. Join us Sunday, May 28 when our new General Presbyter/Stated Clerk, The Reverend Cathy Ulrich, will lead us in a discussion of *Race, Racism, and the Church*.

CELTIC GARDEN PERENNIAL SALE There will be perennials for sale TODAY on the patio after Church. Proceeds from the sale will be used to repair the lovely garden fountain. We hope to have the fountain up and running soon since it is such an important part of the Celtic Garden.

LIBRARY CONVERSATIONS We meet to discuss parenting issues. Join us at 9:30 am on Sunday's in the Library.

NEW MEMBER CLASS Are you interested in deepening your relationship with God through the work of this congregation? If so, please consider attending our next new member's class on Saturday, May 6 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Those desiring to join Westminster will then be received into membership during worship at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 7. For more information, please contact Pastor Jon at jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com.

YOUTH EVENT/HUNGER WALK A 1.5 or 2.5 mile Regional Food Bank Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, May 7 starting and ending at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3090 W. Market. Meet there at 2:00 pm for registration. See Kimberly Cheng for a donation collection envelope and to let her know you will be attending. See you there!

BOOK DISCUSSION will meet on Monday, May 8 to discuss *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. Join us in the church library at 7:00 pm.

FIVE AT FIVE Join us for the Mother's Day Opera/Broadway Gala on Sunday, May 14 at 5:00 pm. Prepare to be thrilled!

SENIOR RECOGNITION If you have a graduating senior who should be recognized, please contact Kimberly Cheng at wpcyouth1250@gmail.com with the correct spelling of the student's name and the school he/she will be graduating from, as well as future plans such as the name of college they will attend or occupation goals.

SAVE THE DATE Our theme for Vacation Bible School is *The Beatitudes*. Children 4-years-old to 5th grade can join us July 10-13 from 9:15 am -12:00 pm (noon). VBS will run Monday-Thursday with a potluck on Thursday evening at 6:00 pm. Contact Sheila, wpcchildren1250@gmail.com for more information.

Calendar of Church Building Events

April 30–May 7, 2017

Sunday, 4/30:

- 9:00 am Child Care Center opens
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 am Education for all ages (Christian Education classrooms)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
- 11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting (Room 106)

Monday, 5/1: No activities planned

Tuesday, 5/2:

- 9:30 am MOMs Club of Akron-West (Room 104/Nursery)
- 7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting (Room 106))

Wednesday, 5/3:

- 4:00 pm Bridges Out of Poverty (WHH/Kitchen/Library)
- 4:15 pm Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 5/4:

- 8:00 am Eye Opener Bible Study (Room 106)
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)

Friday, 5/5: No activities planned

Saturday, 5/6:

- 8:00 am Food for Life (Kitchen)
- 9:00 am Celtic Gardeners (Celtic Garden)
- 10:30 am New Members Class (Library)

Sunday, 5/7:

- 9:00 am Child Care Center opens
- 9:00 am Youth Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 am Education for all ages (Christian Education classrooms)
- 10:30 am Worship/First Sunday Food Collection (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Coffee, fellowship and birthday cake (WHH)
- 2:00 pm Youth Hunger Walk (off-site)

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am–2:00 pm

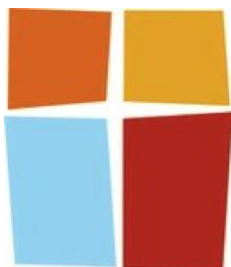
- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 pm.

WEEKLY DEADLINE for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

SCRIPT ARTICLES for the June/July Script will be due by Wednesday, May 17. Please send to gwilson1250@gmail.com by noon.

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