



The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
gathered for the

Worship of God
January 13, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.
Baptism of the Lord

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Tom Day

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Lord is with you. **And with you also.**
We pass the friendship register as a way of welcoming one another
to this time of sacred worship.

Call to Worship Rev. Russell

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Prelude Mr. Day

Meditation of Preparation

"The humanity of Jesus, then, is seen in his kinship with his tribe and clan, in the ceremonial act of baptism that signifies one's solidarity with the rest of the community, in his very real fear of and desire to avoid death, and in his ultimate dependence on a power more sublime than himself."

--James H. Evans, Jr., *We Have Been Believers*

*Hymn of Praise 176 *Sing of God Made Manifest* SALZBURG

*Invocation Ms. Sue McKain

*Gloria Patri 36 *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE

The Hebrew Bible Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 Ms. McKain
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant,
Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Prayer 627 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* SOJOURNER

Prayers of the People Rev. Russell and Congregation
God who calls us by name...
Walk with us.

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.

Congregational Response 312 *Amen* AMEN

Moment for Mission Mr. Gerald Western

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. McKain

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of Washington Avenue Christian Church.

Offertory

Mr. Day

*Doxology 50

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Children age three through fifth grade depart for
Children: Worship & Wonder following the Doxology

Anthem

Spirit of God, Abide With Me

Chancel Choir

The Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Rev. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant,

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

An Extraordinary Baptism

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

“Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized...’
What a strange thing to say. ‘When all the people were baptized and when Jesus also
had been baptized...’ That’s not the way to say it. Luke was acquainted with Mark; he
should have said it simply as Mark did, as though there were only two people in the
world at that time, John and Jesus, and John baptized Jesus with heaven’s approval.
That would be the way to do it. Something dramatic. You don’t say ‘and when all the
people were baptized and Jesus also.’ ‘And Jesus also?’”

--Fred Craddock, *And Jesus Also*

Hymn of Communion 365

BEACH SPRING

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder’s Prayer

Ms. Chris Baumgartner

The Words of Institution

Ms. Debby Willets

The fish is a symbol of the fellowship of Christian believers. Partake of the bread individually, symbolic of our personal redemption by God through Christ. The cup is received in unison with the prayer that we will forgive others as we have been forgiven by God.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Russell

In remembering Christ, O God, we recall the moment when we confessed Jesus as the Christ to begin our walk of discipleship. Grateful for Christ's redeeming presence, we ask for your abiding spirit along the way. Let us boldly cast aside every fear and follow Christ on this extraordinary journey. AMEN.

*Hymn of Discipleship 618

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Affirmation of Responses

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Mr. Day

And all the people said...

AMEN!

We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

*The people may rise in body and spirit as able.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 1/13: 12:00 noon - Congregational meeting (2019 budget)

Mon., 1/14: 9:30 a.m. - Crafty Christians gathering
1:30 p.m. - Installation sub-committee meeting
4:00 p.m. - Outreach Committee meeting

Tue., 1/15: 6:30 p.m. - Joanna Circle gathering

Wed., 1/16: 5:30 p.m. - Youth group (gr. 6-12) weekly supper gathering
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thu., 1/17: 10:45 a.m. - Sarah Circle gathering

Sat., 1/19: Hot Meal served at Salvation Army (Mathes, Stevens, and Sweeten teams)