



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

Worship of God

January 27, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.
Laity Sunday

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Tom Day

Greeting

Ms. Nancy Walker

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

Mr. Gary McIntyre

Leader: The Lord is my God and my guide.

People: Lord, give us courage when we are fearful.

Leader: Help us see our purpose.

People: Give us space to use our gifts.

Leader: And wisdom to seek our gifts for their development.

People: Help us to see ourselves as you see us.

Leader: We are grateful to join you in your work in the world.

People: As you continue to create, we join you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Prelude

Mr. Day

Meditation of Preparation

"We are a priesthood of all believers. Even though our gifts are varied, they are all needed. 'Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.' (James 1:17) All of our gifts are perfect for who we are and the time in which we live. Your gift is made for expression where you are so you will blaze the trail and offer what your community needs. Enjoy the journey and allow God to create something new."

--*Laity Helps 2019*

*Hymn of Praise 62

Creator God, Creating Still

ST. ANNE

*Invocation

Ms. Cindy Johnson

*Gloria Patri 35

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Psalm 18:16

Ms. Barbara Terrell

For the possibilities suggested by these few words,

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Prayer 586

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Prayers of the People

Mr. Brad Thimke and Congregation

Lord, who is always present in our lives...

Hear our prayers.

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. Jeff Evans

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Carol McIntyre

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

Offertory

Becky Thompson and Rev. Russell

Come, Thou Fount

*Doxology 50

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Children's Moment

Ms. Debbie Walker

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

Anthem

Promised Land

Chancel Choir

The New Testament Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Mr. Mark Wainwright

May we be stirred by the hearing of these words,

Amen.

Sermon

Mr. Gerald Western, Ms. Sue McKain, Mr. Don Hange, Jr.
Being Fruitful—Using Our Gifts to God's Service

Discipline of Silence

"In our union with Christ, we will be clouds with life-giving rain, trees bearing luscious fruit
and fountains of cold stream water for thirsty travelers."

--Robert Richardson, 19th century Disciples writer and editor, *Chalice Hymnal*

Hymn of Communion 413

Take Our Bread

TAKE OUR BREAD

Invitation to Commune

Mr. Mark Mathes

The Elder's Prayer

Mr. Thimke

The Words of Institution

Mr. Mathes

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

Mr. Thimke and Congregation

O God of light, we thank you for the brightness of your countenance shining in the face of Jesus. As we depart from this table, may Christ's light radiantly shine through us so that others may see your good works through us and may your glory be revealed once more. AMEN.

Invitation to Discipleship

Ms. Nancy Walker

*Hymn of Discipleship 609

Take My Life

HENDON

Affirmation of Responses

Rev. Russell

Benediction and Charge

Mr. McIntyre

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

Mon., 1/28: 7:00 p.m. - Pastoral Relations committee meeting

Tue., 1/29: 7:00 p.m. - Property Committee meeting

Wed., 1/30: 5:30 p.m. - Youth group (gr. 6-12) weekly supper gathering

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Fri., 2/1: 7:00 p.m. - Ohio CYF Midwinter Retreat at South Side Christian Church, Lima (ends 2/3)