



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

## Worship of God

February 3, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Tom Day

Greeting

Rev. Nathan 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

"It's hard to survive, / Held in the grip of the cold / beneath the snow. / But there in earth, / the heart of a seed is alive / waiting to grow. / And so for us all / there's a winter of fear / that can rake the soul / until the spirit deep inside, awakens. / And the river shall roar / and the eagle shall soar, above / and the land shall be healed once more / with love."

--James Ingram, *Beneath the Snow*

\*Hymn of Praise 284

*Gather Us In*

GATHER US IN

\*Invocation

Ms. Ashleigh Arndt

\*Gloria Patri 36

*Glory Be to the Father*

MEINEKE

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Ms. Arndt

For the Word of God we encounter through the words of scripture...

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Prayer 503

*O Christ, the Healer*

ROCKINGHAM

Prayers of the People

Rev. Russell and Congregation

O Christ, the Healer...

**Reach out your hand.**

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

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Arndt

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*

Anthem

*I Got Shoes*

Chancel Choir

The New Testament Reading

Luke 4:16-30

Rev. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Fulfilled In Your Hearing

Rev. Nathan Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Jesus knows scripture, and he knows that the people to whom he is preaching in his hometown synagogue know scripture. I would give Jesus a good grade because he dares to take as his text this worn and threadbare passage from Isaiah —'The spirit of the Lord is upon me...'—made in the long-ago, cheapened through overuse, repeated so often that it tends toward abstraction. He takes this oft-repeated promise and brings it home with such immediacy, such urgency, and such interpretive power that the people who were initially praising him rise up to kill him when they fully understand what he is saying."

--The Rev. Dr. Cleophus J. LaRue, Jr., *Grading Jesus' First Sermon*

Hymn of Communion 405 *In Memory of the Savior's Love*

SALZBURG

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Mr. Chris Thomas

The Words of Institution

Ms. Chris Baumgartner

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 and Congregation

**We thank you, God, for the assurance in bread and wine that Christ is with us always. Grant that by your Spirit we may stand firm in our faith and be courageous and strong, eager to risk something big for something good as we seek to be part of your reconciling and transforming work from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. AMEN.**

Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
*Hymn of Discipleship 452	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	HERE I AM, LORD
Affirmation of Responses		Rev. Russell
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude		Mr. Day
	And all the people said...	
	<b>AMEN!</b>	

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

- Tue., 2/5: 11:00 a.m. - Catharine ("Kay") Eadon's memorial service at Laubenthal Mercado Funeral Home, followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall
- Wed., 2/6: 5:30 p.m. - Youth group (gr. 6-12) weekly supper gathering  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Sat., 2/9: 12:30 p.m. - Parking lot in use by Lorain County Historical Society

**Church Staff**

Tom Day, Organist  
 Jeff & Sharon Evans, Youth Directors  
 Brenda J. Keenan, Parish Visitor  
 Alan Petersen, Chancel Choir Director  
 The Reverend Nathan A. Russell, Senior Pastor  
 Phil Smith, Custodian  
 Becky Thompson, Early Service Pianist  
 Diana Tyler, Office Administrator  
 Debra L. Walker, Director of Church School Education