



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

## Worship of God

February 17, 2019 - 10:45 a.m. - Compassion Sunday  
Sixth 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

"We can learn the art of fierce compassion - redefining strength, deconstructing isolation and renewing a sense of community, practicing letting go of rigid us-vs.-them thinking - while cultivating power and clarity in response to difficult situations."

--Sharon Salzberg, *Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art*

\*Hymn of Praise 461

BEACH SPRING

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

\*Invocation

Ms. Jane Hutson

\*Gloria Patri 36

*Glory Be to the Father*

MEINEKE

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Ms. Brenda Keenan

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Prayer 683

*O for a World*

AZMON

Prayers of the People

Rev. Russell and Congregation

God who calls us as partners in Christ's service...

**Grant us fierce compassion.**

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

Mr. Mark Mathes

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

*Alleluia, Sing*

Chancel Choir

The New Testament Reading

Luke 6:17-26

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Fierce Compassion

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Rage — whether in reaction to social injustice, or to our leaders' insanity, or to those who threaten or harm us — is a powerful energy that, with diligent practice, can be transformed into fierce compassion."

--Bonnie Myotai Treace, *Rising to the Challenge: Filling the Well with Snow*

Hymn of Communion 381

*Take My Gifts*

TALAVERA TERRACE

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Susan Mathes

The Words of Institution

Ms. Polly Simmons

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 have received from your hand, O God, bread from the earth to fortify our hearts and wine to gladden our spirits. May these signs of Christ's presence fill us with Christ-like fierce compassion so that we are impelled to love and serve from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. AMEN.**

Invitation to Discipleship	Rev. Russell
*Hymn of Discipleship 453 <i>Called as Partners in Christ's Service</i>	BEECHER
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.

Flowers in the chancel this morning are in memory of "Bing" Knepper who passed away February 2 and would have turned 85 years old on February 21, from his sister Pat Schwarz, the Leland & Narelle Peden Family, and Bob & Jane Schuster.

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Tue., 2/19: 6:30 p.m. - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Cindy Johnson, 565 Ohio St.
- Wed., 2/20: 5:30 p.m. - Youth group (gr. 6-12) weekly supper gathering  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Thu., 2/21: 10:45 a.m. - Sarah Circle gathering
- Fri., 2/22: Disciples youth depart for the United Nations International Affairs Seminar (return 3/2)
- Sat., 2/23: 10:00 a.m. - Chi Rho (gr. 6-8) Rally at Camp Christian (ends 3:30 p.m.)