



Love your enemies

and pray for those who persecute you

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

Worship of God

February 24, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.
Seventh 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

"The first person to promulgate the Golden Rule, which was the bedrock of...empathic spirituality, was Confucius 500 years before Christ. His disciples asked him, 'What is the single thread that runs through all your teaching and pulls it together?' And Confucius said, 'Look into your own heart. Discover what it is that gives you pain. And then refuse to inflict that pain on anyone else.'"

--Karen Armstrong, *Atoms and Eden*

*Hymn of Praise 500

God Made from One Blood

ST. DENIO

*Invocation

Ms. Sharon Evans

*Gloria Patri 36

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Ms. Evans

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Prayer 680

O God of Every Nation

NYLAND

Prayers of the People

Rev. Russell and Congregation

God who stirs us to action...

Help us do so that we may be.

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. Evans

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

The Children's Moment

Ms. Debbie Walker

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

Anthem

God Now Lives with Us

Chancel Choir

The Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Do-Be-Do-Be-Do

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"We have committed the golden rule to memory; let us now commit it to life."

--Edwin Markham, 19th- and 20th-century Disciples Poet

Hymn of Communion 485

TALLIS' CANON

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Mr. Mark Mathes

The Words of Institution

Mr. Gerald Western

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 always with us. Grant that, by your Spirit, we may stand firm in our faith and do to others as you have done to us. In so doing, may we become living words in the world for Christ's sake. AMEN.

Invitation to Discipleship	Rev. Russell
*Hymn of Discipleship 668	CWM RHONDDA
<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i>	
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, 2/24:	5:00 p.m. - District 2 Disciples Chili Cook-Off at North Eaton Christian Church
Wed., 2/27:	5:30 p.m. - Youth group (gr. 6-12) weekly supper gathering
	7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal
Fri., 3/1:	10:00 a.m. - Elyria Area Church Women United's World Day of Prayer observance at Second Baptist Church, 427 Chapman Ln.
Sat., 3/2:	5:30 p.m. - Leadership Event with Katie Hays