



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

Worship of God

March 3, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.
Transfiguration Sunday

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 feels magical, this story of Jesus transfigured on a Mountain talking to Moses and Elijah. It's as though time ceased to be a neat, straight line pulled taut with the present in its appropriate distance from the past and the future. Instead it's like on the mount of Transfiguration that the line of time was all crumpled up with past present and future all touching for a moment."

--Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber

*Hymn of Praise 100

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

*Invocation

Mr. Brad Thimke

*Gloria Patri 36

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Psalm 99

Mr. Thimke

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Prayer 658

Restless Weaver

BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the People

Rev. Russell and Congregation

God, as you weave us...

Transform 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

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Mr. Thimke

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

Beautiful Savior

Chancel Choir

The Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-43a

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Forecast Calls for a Cloud

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"It is as strange a scene as there is in the Gospels. Even without the voice from the cloud to explain it, they had no doubt what they were witnessing. It was Jesus of Nazareth all right, the man they'd tramped many a dusty mile with, whose mother and brothers they knew, the one they'd seen as hungry, tired, and footsore as the rest of them. But it was also the Messiah, the Christ, in his glory. It was the holiness of the man shining through his humanness, his face so afire with it they were almost blinded."

-- Frederick Buechner, *Whistling in the Dark*

Hymn of Communion 416

CONSOLATION

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Mr. Chris Thomas

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 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
Through bread and cup we rejoice, O God, in Christ's sacrificial love. Grant within our depths a life-transforming faith, which trusts that nothing can separate us from your love. Help us to witness to that unbreakable love in word and deed as we move with you from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. AMEN.

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

*Hymn of Discipleship 633 LANCASHIRE

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Affirmation of Responses Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude Dr. Al Travis

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.

Flowers in the chancel this morning are in honor of Pastor Nathan from the Elders.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 3/2: 3:00 p.m. - Service of Installation of the Reverend Nathan A. Russell
Mon., 3/3: 4:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meeting
Wed., 3/6: 5:30 p.m. - Youth group (gr. 6-12) weekly supper gathering
7:00 p.m. - District 2A Disciples Ash Wednesday worship service,
North Eaton Christian Church, 35895 Royalton Rd. (State Routes 82 & 83),
Eaton Township
Fri., 3/8: 7:00 p.m. - WANEW Retreat (gr. 6-12) at Camp Christian begins (ends 3/10)
Sat., 3/9: Daylight Saving Time begins (set clocks ahead one hour before retiring)