



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

## Worship of God

March 10, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.  
First Sunday in Lent

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

"I imagine Lent for you and for me as a great departure from the greedy, anxious anti-neighborliness of our economy, a great departure from our exclusionary politics that fears the other, a great departure from self-indulgent consumerism that devours creation. And then an arrival in a new neighborhood, because it is a gift to be simple, it is a gift to be free; it is a gift to come down where we ought to be."

—Walter Brueggemann, *A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent*

\*Hymn of Praise 24

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

\*Invocation

Mr. Joel Sinegar

\*Gloria Patri 36

*Glory Be to the Father*

MEINEKE

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Mr. Sinegar

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Prayer 179

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

HEINLEIN

Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name.**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Russell and Congregation

God, in your mercy...  
**Hear our prayer.**

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. Sinegar

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

Offertory

Mr. Day

\*Doxology 46

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

Anthem

*All We Like Sheep*

Chancel Choir

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Tempted in the Wilderness

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Teach us, O God, not to torture ourselves, not to make martyrs of ourselves through stifling reflection; but rather teach us to breathe deeply in faith, through Jesus, our Lord. AMEN."

-- Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, 19<sup>th</sup>-century Danish theologian

Hymn of Communion 408

*Come, Share the Lord*

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Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Lauri Warfield

## The Words of Institution

Ms. Barbara Terrell

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

**Grateful, O God, that you do not hold sin against us, let us not forget your love as we leave this table. Grant that in each living moment we shall consider ourselves dead to sin and alive in Christ. Empower us to resist the false comfort of easy answers and certainty so that we may faithfully follow you and participate in the work you are already doing at our doorsteps and to the ends of the earth. AMEN.**

## Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

## \*Hymn of Discipleship 251

*O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

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## 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

Mon., 3/11: 9:30 a.m. - Crafty Christians gathering

5:45 p.m. - Lenten (Supper &) Study

Tue., 3/12: 10:00 a.m. - Lenten Study (& Lunch)

4:15 p.m. - Staff meeting

5:30 p.m. - Elders' supper meeting

7:00 p.m. - Board meeting

Wed., 3/13: 5:30 p.m. - Youth group (gr. 6-12) weekly supper gathering

6:15 p.m. - Lenten vespers service

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sat., 3/16: 9:00 a.m. - Disciples Men's work day

Hot Meal served at Elyria Salvation Army (Jeff & Sharon Evans and the youth)