



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

Worship of God

March 24, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.
Third 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

"It's a radical choice to see and value your life in the way God does, that our being is more important than our doing."

--Heidi Haverkamp, *Holy Solitude*

*Hymn of Praise 73 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

*Invocation Ms. Jane Hutson

*Gloria Patri 36 *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE

The Hebrew Bible Reading Isaiah 55:1-9 Ms. Hutson
For the Word of God we encounter through the words of scripture...
Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Prayer 502 *Come, You Disconsolate* CONSOLATOR

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
In your wild and wide mercy, O God...
Hear us, we pray.

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. Hutson

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

For God So Loved the World

Chancel Choir

The Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Fruit Worthy of Repentance

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Religion has been defined as designed to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. We do well to think of the parables of Jesus as doing the afflicting. Therefore, if we hear a parable and think, "I really like that" or, worse, fail to take any challenge, we are not listening well enough."

--Amy-Jill Levine, *Short Stories by Jesus*

Hymn of Communion 429

FINEST WHEAT

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Chris Baumgartner

The Words of Institution

Mr. Brad Thimke

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

Loving God in Jesus Christ, with gratitude for your holy nourishment about this table, we dedicate: Our lips to be the hopeful voice of Christ to the despairing; our hands to reach out in Christ's name to heal the broken; our feet to walk with Christ to visit those who are shunned; our bodies to be Christ's living sacrifice to break the power of death; our lives to bear fruit worthy of repentance. Take, empower, and use us to participate in the work you are already doing from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. AMEN.

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

*Hymn of Discipleship 622

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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., 3/25: 5:45 p.m. - Lenten (Supper &) Study

Tue., 3/26: 10:00 a.m. - Lenten Study (& Lunch)

Wed., 3/27: 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

Fri., 3/29: 6:00 p.m. - WACC hosts Children Worship & Wonder training event

Sat., 3/30: 9:00 a.m. - WACC hosts Children Worship & Wonder training event