

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

Worship of God

April 28, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.: Second Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Tom Day

Greeting

The Lord is with you. **And with you also.**

Rev. Nathan Russell

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

"Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood there, wondering, fearing, doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before."

--Edgar Allan Poe, The Raven

*Hymn of Praise 231 Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us HOLY MANNA

*Invocation Mr. Don Hange, Jr.

*Gloria Patri 21 Let the Whole Creation Cry LLANFAIR
Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia! "Glory be to God on high!" Alleluia!
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia! Night and stars in God rejoice, Alleluia!

The Hebrew Bible Reading Psalm 150 Mr. Hange, Jr. For the Word of God we encounter through the words of scripture...

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Prayer 638 In the Bulb There Is a Flower PROMISE

Prayers of the People

In our end and our beginning, O God... Help us trust what you alone can see.

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 317 Amen AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.

Mr. Hange, Jr.

Offertory Mr. Day

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Children's Moment

Debbie Walker

Children age three through fifth grade depart for Children: Worship & Wonder afterwards.

Anthem Awaken Me to Pray

Chancel Choir

Rev. Russell

ing John 20:19-31

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Raised to Do Cool Stuff

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

The Gospel Reading

"In the end, it's not Thomas's 'doubting' or demanding that matters; it's his believing.

Everybody doubts; not everyone believes. Be a believing Thomas; push as hard as you need to until you are awestruck and moved to proclaim with him: 'My Lord and my God!'"

--Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles, Commentary on John 20:19-31

Hymn of Communion 417 We Place upon Your Table, Lord

WINCHESTER NEW

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Mr. Gerald Western

The Words of Institution

Mr. Mark Mathes

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

We are grateful, O God, that our doubts and fears do not disqualify us from your invitation to this table. Though we have not touched your hands and sides, we have tasted symbols that remind us of your body and blood, and we have heard and received your blessing of peace. Sustained by the gift of your spirit, let us go rejoicing from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth to be part of your reconciling and transforming work. AMEN.

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

When Thomas heard from Jesus, "Now come and follow me," He surely went with gladness, for there was much to see. He witnessed Jesus' teaching and saw his healing touch; He found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.

When Jesus spoke of heaven, bold Thomas dared to say, "We don't know where you're going! How can we know the way?" He wanted understanding of what he could not see. Then Jesus reassured him, "The way is here — through me."

When crowds began to murmur and leaders raised their cry, Brave Thomas spoke out firmly, "Let's go with him and die." He ate at Jesus' table, partaking wine and bread; Yet later with the others, he saw the cross and fled.

What joy on Easter evening when many saw the Lord!
Yet Thomas was not with them and would not trust their word.
When Christ appeared before him, his doubts were quickly gone;
He gladly knew that evening the joy of Easter dawn.

That man of faith saw Jesus at breakfast by the sea; At Pentecost he witnessed so others would believe. O Lord, may we — like Thomas — keep growing day by day; Increase our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

Affirmation of Responses, Pastoral Benediction, and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Mr. Day

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, 4/28:
9:15 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
Tue., 4/30:
9:15 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service
Pastoral Relations Committee meeting

Wed., 5/1: Inquirers Class gathering (time to be announced)

5:30 p.m. - Youth group (gr. 6-12) weekly supper meeting

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Fri., 5/3: 10:00 a.m. - Elyria Area Church Women United's May Friendship Day observance at First United Methodist Church, 312 Third St.

Sat., 5/4:
8:45 a.m.
- Cleveland Christian Home Walk & Run for the Kids at the Cleveland Zoo
10:00 a.m.
- Worship Committee lasagna preparation

0.00 a.m. - Worship Committee lasagna preparation