



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

## Worship of God

Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.

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 passion and pageantry of the eight days from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday enable us to mystically live in these ancient holy moments across time. And at the same time we are very much present in a world that is anything but resurrected."

--Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney, *The Shadows of Easter*

\*Hymn of Praise 192

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

\*Invocation

Ms. Lisa Reshad

\*Gloria Patri 36

*Glory Be to the Father*

MEINEKE

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Ms. Reshad

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Prayer 534

*When Our Confidence Is Shaken*

LAUDA ANIMA

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Russell and Congregation

**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

In the discipline of praying...

**Mature our faith, O God.**

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

Moment for Mission

Ms. Jane Hutson

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Reshad

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

Offertory

*Ride On, King Jesus!*

SPIRITUAL

Caitlin Aloia, voice; Rev. Russell, piano

\*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

*Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!*

Chancel Choir

The Gospel Reading

Luke 19:28-40

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

An Unconventional Parade in a Conventional Time

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"All of creation comes from God and all of creation is capable of attesting to God's great glory, even the typically speechless stones. We can see that the peace that Jesus brought was, and is, worthy of celebration, even if the celebration is risky, even if the powers-that-be will be threatened. Jesus says Shout out now. Celebrate now, even if you know that death is lurking just around the bend. The very rocks on which we walk may join you."

--Rev. Chrissy Cataldo, *Talking Stones*

Hymn of Communion 409

*I Hunger and I Thirst*

IBSTONE

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Barbara Terrell

The Words of Institution

Mr. Chris Thomas

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

**Jesus our Savior, you have come to us as one who seeks and serves. You have filled our hearts with gospel joy as we tasted the bread and wine at your table. May this sacrament make Christ afresh in our lives so that we embody Christ's spirit from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Bless us and these branches we carry this day, that our very being shall cry aloud, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Holy One. Peace and glory in the highest heaven!" AMEN.**

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

\*Hymn of Discipleship 140 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

SHEFFIELD

Affirmation of Responses

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

And all the people said...

Mr. Day

**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., 4/15: 5:45 p.m. - Lenten (Supper &) Study

Tue., 4/16: 10:00 a.m. - Lenten Study (& Lunch)

6:30 p.m. - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Debbie Walker,  
236 Sumner St., Oberlin

Wed., 4/17: 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

Thu., 4/18: 10:45 a.m. - Sarah Circle gathering

6:30 p.m. - Seder Experience

7:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae

Fri., 4/19: 12:00 noon - Community Good Friday Worship Service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,  
300 Third St., sponsored by the Elyria Ministerial Association

Sat., 4/20: 9:00 a.m. - Worship Committee work session (Easter flowers)

Hot Meal served at Elyria Salvation Army (Jan Moore and Barbara Terrell team)

Today's image is *Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem* (He Qi) [www.heqiart.com](http://www.heqiart.com)

*Flowers in the chancel this morning are in memory of Larry McIntyre's April 17 birthday,  
from Betty, Gary & Carol.*

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