



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

## Worship of God

May 5, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.: Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Becky Thompson

### Meditation of Preparation

"For reasons no one may ever understand, God decided it would be helpful for people to be different instead of the same, if only because it would slow them down a little bit. God decided it would be good for them to have to stop on a regular basis and say, 'Could you say that a different way, please? I don't understand what you mean' or 'Can you show me with your hands?' God decided it would be good for them to stop taking their communication for granted and work a little harder at trying to understand each other."

—Barbara Brown Taylor, *Holy Envy*

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.**

\*Hymn of Praise 230

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

NOUVELET

\*Invocation

Ms. Lisa Reshad

Hymn of Prayer 475

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

WAREHAM

Prayers of the People

As the church of Christ in every age...

**Keep on raising us from the dead.**

The Lord's Prayer

All

**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.**

The Reading

John 21:1-19

Ms. Reshad

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Christ Encounters Us Anew

Ms. Reshad

Discipline of Silence

When in your life have you felt so disoriented that you wanted to simply do what felt normal, easy or comforting? How have you noticed Christ showing up in such times? How did you encounter Christ this past week? What unexpected places might you find Christ encountered anew in the coming week?

Hymn of Communion 222

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*Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!*

Invitation to Commune and Offer Ourselves, Tithes, and Gifts Ms. Reshad

The Elder's Prayer Ms. Susan Mathes

The Words of Institution Rev. Russell

### Come to the Table

Please come forward to offer your gifts and to share in Communion. Partake by breaking off a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of Washington Avenue Christian Church.

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

\*Hymn of Discipleship *Peter Said, "I'm Going Fishing"* BEECHER

Peter said, "I'm going fishing," so his friends went out with him.  
Through the night, they labored, watching, Hauling empty nets back in.  
In the grey of early morning, Jesus, you came walking by.  
From the beach you called a greeting, "Cast out on the other side!"

Soon their nets were filled to brimming; Someone cried, "It is the Lord!"  
Jumping in, he started swimming; Christ, you met him on the shore.  
Guiding them to better waters, Eating fish, and sharing bread —  
You showed Peter and the others: You were risen from the dead!

Risen Christ, you send us fishing! God's great sea is everywhere.  
You have guided us in mission, You have given love to share.  
Through the years, our church has heard you, We have answered your great call:  
"Cast your nets where I have told you. Bring my word of love to all!"

Lord, be with our congregation; By your spirit, send us forth!  
May we care for your creation; May we work for peace on earth.  
In our worship, in our giving, In our serving those in need,  
May we know, Lord; you are living, Guiding us in ministry.

Affirmation of Responses Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge Ms. Reshad

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

- Today, 5/5: 9:15 a.m. - Common Grounds, followed by Discovery Hour  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service
- Mon., 5/6: 4:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meeting  
6:00 p.m. - Sing-for-Your-Supper Lasagna Dinner and Hymn Sing
- Tue., 5/7: 6:30 a.m. - WACC serves as Election Day polling place (ends 7:30 p.m.)
- Wed., 5/8: 5:30 p.m. - Inquirers Class gathering and Youth group (gr. 6-12) weekly supper meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Thu., 5/9: 4:00 p.m. - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting
- Sat., 5/11: 9:00 a.m. - Called Regional Assembly at Gender Road Christian Church (ends 4 p.m.)  
11:00 a.m. - Parking lot in use by Lorain County Historical Society

Today's image is *Jesus Appears to His Disciples* (He Qi) [www.heqiart.com](http://www.heqiart.com)

Flowers in the sanctuary today are in honor of Becky Thompson.

