



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

Worship of God

May 5, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.: Third Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

Dr. Harold Slocum

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

Two Meditations on The 23rd Psalm

Dr. Slocum

Meditation of Preparation

"Discipleship is not a competitive sport. Peter has his own work to attend to. So it is with us. Like Peter, we do not know how long our earthly lives will last (vv. 18–19), but we can be grateful for the time God has given us to carry out the particular work we have been called to."

--Amy Plantinga Pauw, *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary*

*Hymn of Praise 450 *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* HYFRYDOL

*Invocation Ms. Chris Baumgartner

*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 First Reading Mark 1:16-20 Ms. Baumgartner

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Prayer 293 *Out of Need and Out of Custom* GATHERING

Prayers of the People

God of human transformation...

For your presence now we pray.

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.**

Congregational Response 317 *Amen* AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts Ms. Baumgartner

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

Offertory Dr. Slocum

*Doxology 50

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Anthem

Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus

Chancel Choir

The Reading

John 21:1-19

Mr. Tim Schaefer

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Follow Me

Mr. Schaefer

Discipline of Silence

"All Christians are called to ministry when we take up the cross of Jesus Christ in discipleship... All Christians individually and corporately, take up the mission given by God to the church and make it their own."

--Stephen V. Sprinkle, *Ordination*

Hymn of Communion 222

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Nancy Walker

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

All

At this table, O God, we recall our common confession that Jesus is the Christ. We have been refreshed with bread and wine, and we renew our commitment to continue our journey of Christian discipleship. Grateful for Jesus' redeeming presence, we ask your abiding spirit to sustain us. Let us boldly cast aside every care and follow Jesus as we participate in the good work he is already doing from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. AMEN.

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 Mr. Schaefer

Postlude *Toccata on Holy, Holy, Holy* Dr. Slocum
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., 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

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