



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

Worship of God

May 12, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

Ms. Christa Rakich

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

Ms. Rakich

Meditation of Preparation

“Contemplation is a spiritual practice that has the potential to heal, instruct, and connect us to the source of our being.”

--Barbara A. Holmes, *Joy Unspeakable*

*Hymn of Praise 709

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Invocation

Ms. DiAnne Schmidt

*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 23

Ms. Schmidt

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Prayer 558

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Prayers of the People

Savior, like a shepherd lead us...
Hear your children as 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 317

Amen

AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Schmidt

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

Offertory

Ms. Rakich

*Doxology 50

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Anthem

Shepherd Psalm

Chancel Choir

The Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Psalm that Jesus Knew

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The words of some psalms are timeless expressions that seem able to take on fresh, new meanings. There are times when it means something experientially 'new' and personal to pray or to study venerable words like 'the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.'... The psalms are unquestionably a rich legacy from which we can learn a great deal about prayer, God's identity, and our own identity in relationship with God."

--Toni Craven, *The Book of Psalms*

Hymn of Communion 80

RESIGNATION

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Lauri Warfield

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

Holy God, you have prepared a table before the whole world with gifts of finest wheat and vintage wine. With these abundant gifts, you reconcile us to yourself, and you transform enemies into friends. Let goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life as we feast at your banquet and dwell in your house forever. 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

Ms. Rakich

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., 5/13: 6:00 p.m. - Property Committee meeting

Tue., 5/14: 4:15 p.m. - Staff meeting

5:30 p.m. - Elders' supper meeting

7:00 p.m. - Board meeting

Wed., 5/15: 5:30 p.m. - Inquirers Class gathering and Youth group (gr. 6-12) weekly supper meeting

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sat., 5/18: 11:30 a.m. - Parlors in use (private event)

5:00 p.m. - Hot Meal served at Elyria Salvation Army (Gail & Tim Haywood team)

Today's image is *The Good Shepherd* (He Qi) www.heqiart.com

