



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

## Worship of God

June 2, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.: Ascension Sunday

Chiming the Hour

Dr. Robert Ebert

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

*Variations on Lead On, O King Eternal*

Dr. Ebert

Meditation of Preparation

"Fair questions for God during [the days between Ascension and Pentecost]: Why did you leave us? Where are you going? Will you come back or nah?"

--Rev. Broderick Greer, @BroderickGreer

\*Hymn of Praise 233

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

\*Invocation

Mr. Connor Sweeten

\*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

Luke 24:44-53

Mr. Sweeten

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Prayer 575

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the People

In the crowded life we lead, O God...

**Help us find the quiet center.**

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

Offertory Dr. Ebert

\*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 *Come Down, Lord* Chancel Choir

The Reading Acts 1:1-11 Rev. Russell  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon What Goes Up, Must Come Down Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence  
"When I was a boy I used to be more celestial about my curiosities. I always wondered where Jesus went. I knew where he was headed in a very general sense, but I really wondered what that elevator ride was like. Elevator rides became enchanting experiences for me, everyday sacraments. I suppose there is an answer living in that boyish wonder that can reply to my blue thoughts today. The Son ascends to the Womb of Love, the place from which all things are born, the maternal home of the Father."  
--Sam Rocha, *The Womb of Love: A Womanist Manifesto*

Hymn of Communion 295 *In This Very Room* IN THIS VERY ROOM

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer Ms. Chris Baumgartner

The Words of Institution Ms. Lauri Warfield  
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

**Creating God, let us go forth from this table fed and nourished by the body and blood of Christ and filled with the spirit of wisdom and hope. Keep our eyes enlightened and minds aroused by the power of the risen Christ. In the midst of our doubts, assure us that though Christ ascends, the Holy Spirit descends. Through this mystery, we trust that we are never alone because you have met us yet again in this very room through the breaking of bread. AMEN.**

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

\*Hymn of Discipleship 453

BEECHER

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Affirmation of Responses

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

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

Dr. Ebert

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, 6/2: 12:00 noon - Anniversary celebration for Alan Petersen

Mon., 6/3: 5:15 p.m. - Worship Committee year-end dinner at Black River Tavern,  
Valley of the Eagles

Wed., 6/5: 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Flowers in the chancel this morning are in honor of Alan Petersen  
for his 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary with WACC, from his family.

The white carnation display is in memory of Bud Simmons,  
who we lost five years ago on June 4, from Polly.

Today's image is *The Ascension of Christ*, Salvador Dalí, 1958

