



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

Worship of God

June 30, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Third Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Meditation of Preparation

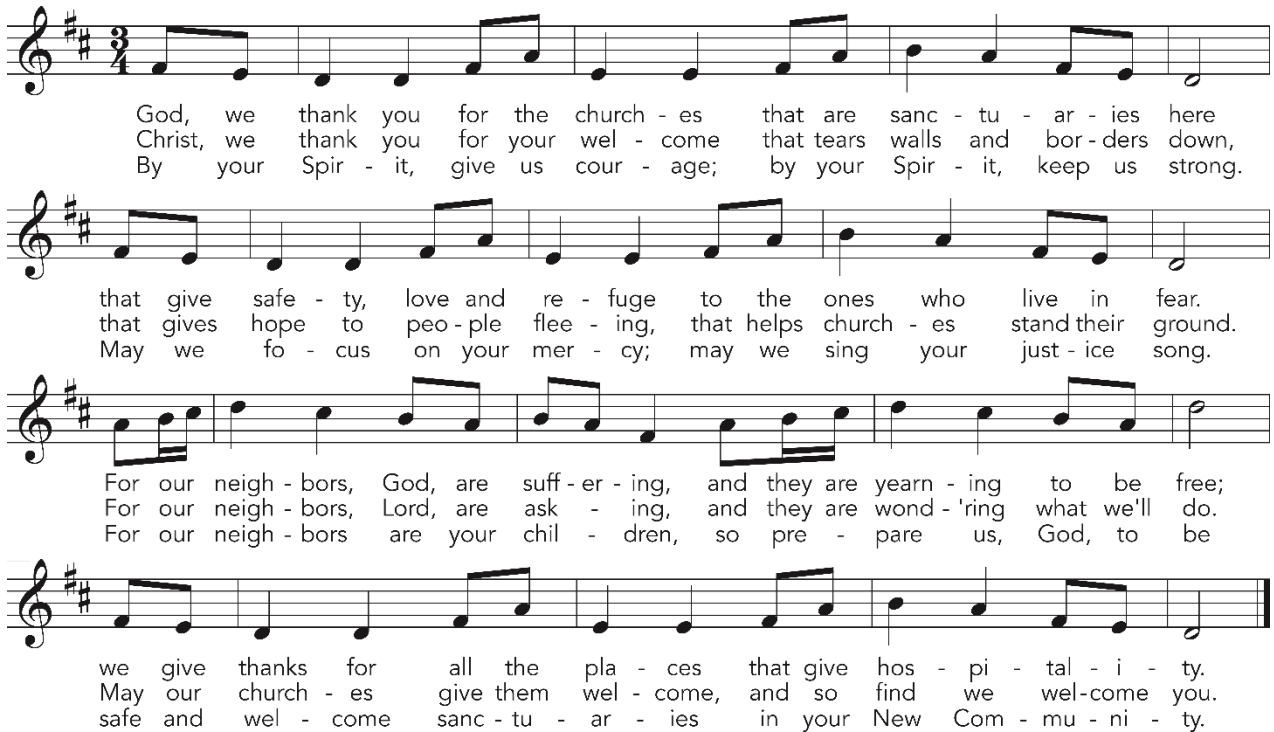
"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

--Emma Lazarus, *The New Colossus*

*Hymn of Praise

God, We Thank You For the Churches†

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God, we thank you for the church - es that are sanc - tu - ar - ies here
Christ, we thank you for your wel - come that tears walls and bor - ders down,
By your Spir - it, give us cour - age; by your Spir - it, keep us strong.

that give safe - ty, love and re - fuge to the ones who live in fear.
that gives hope to peo - ple flee - ing, that helps church - es stand their ground.
May we fo - cus on your mer - cy; may we sing your just - ice song.

For our neigh - bors, God, are suff - er - ing, and they are yearn - ing to be free;
For our neigh - bors, Lord, are ask - ing, and they are wond - 'ring what we'll do.
For our neigh - bors are your chil - dren, so pre - pare us, God, to be

we give thanks for all the pla - ces that give hos - pi - tal - i - ty.
May our church - es give them wel - come, and so find we wel - come you.
safe and wel - come sanc - tu - ar - ies in your New Com - mu - ni - ty.

*Invocation

Mr. Abe Reshad

Hymn of Prayer 643

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

SWING LOW

Prayers of the People

Holy Parent of us all...
Come forth to carry all people home.

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. Reshad

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

Offertory

Ms. Stephanie Tyler and Rev. Russell

Ave Verum Corpus

*Doxology 50

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Children's Moment

Ms. Debbie Walker

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

The Reading

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Prophetic Mantle

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"For people claiming the faith of Christ, showing love and compassion to immigrants, no matter their status, is a requirement of following Jesus — there is no alternative. Our stance towards immigrants directly reflects our stance towards God."

--Stephen Mattson, *How We Treat Immigrants Is How We Treat God*

Hymn of Communion 403

In Remembrance of Me

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Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Mr. Mark Mathes

The Words of Institution Rev. Russell
Please come forward to share in Communion. Partake by breaking off a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. (The bread is gluten-free.) If you are unable to come forward, someone will come to you.

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

*Hymn of Discipleship 452 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

Affirmation of Responses Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude *Arise, My Soul, and Stretch My Wings* 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.

†Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 6/30: 10:30 a.m. - Congregational meeting to vote on 2019-20 proposed leadership slate
5:30 p.m. - Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night
Wed., 7/3: Ribbit Campers depart for Camp Christian (ends 7/6)
Thu., 7/4: Independence Day (church office closed Thursday [holiday] and Friday [vacation day])
Sat., 7/6: Parking lot in use (private event next door)

Flowers in the chancel today were provided by Polly Simmons
in memory of her and Bud's July 2 wedding anniversary.

Today's image is *Elijah Is Taken up to Heaven*, by He Qi (www.heqiart.com)

