



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

Worship of God

July 7, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

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

"There is no reason, no structure, nor process to fully explain who and how God is. If each of us, as human as we are, uncovers things about ourselves every day, how much more then is there to uncover about God?"

--Natalia Daies, graceandgangster.com

*Hymn of Praise

All the Music Sung and Played Here†

HYMN TO JOY



All the mu - sic sung and played here is a gift, O God, from you.
 All cre - a - tion sings your glo - ry; in the Psalms are pain and praise.
 You give hymns and songs for sing - ing, toes for tapp - ing your good news,
 Bless the tal - ents we are bring - ing, for we of - fer you our best.



For as long as we have prayed here, we've been blessed by mu - sic, too.
 Ma - ry sang your sav - ing sto - ry in her long, ex - pect - ant days.
 Or - gan sound - ing, hand - bells ring - ing, faith - ful hear - ers in the pews.
 If our gifts are not in sing - ing, may our joy - ful noise be blest.



By your Spir - it, each mu - sic - ian finds new depths of faith to share.
 Through the years, with great e - mot - ion, some have reached to you in song.
 With the trump - et and the cym - bal, pia - no and the vi - o - lin,
 If our world is ev - er si - lent, may we sign to you a - bove.



Mu - sic is a gift you've giv - en and be - comes our thank - ful prayer.
 May we sing with such de - vot - ion; mu - sic helps your church grow strong!
 Faith is found here and re - kin - dled; hearts are lift - ed, once a - gain.
 Touched by grace, may each one pres - ent of - fer back your song of love.

*Invocation

Ms. Kimberly Wilhelm

Hymn of Prayer 614

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

Prayers of the People

Call us to life, O God...
 Use us anytime and anywhere.

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. Wilhelm

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

Offertory

"Here I Am, Lord" Medley

Becky Thompson

*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.

The Reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Power that Cannot Be Bought

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"When we're tired, when we think we know the verdict, when we've readied ourselves for defeat because the process we know isn't yielding the harvest we expected, these are the very moments when we must take a step back to evaluate how God is showing up in the places we've least expected God to reveal herself."

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Hymn of Communion 365

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Nancy Walker

The Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Please come forward to share in Communion. Partake by taking 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 666	<i>The Voice of God Is Calling</i>	MEIRIONYDD
Affirmation of Responses		Rev. Russell
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Awesome God</i> And all the people said...	Mr. Collins
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, 7/7: 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour to welcome Organist Evan Collins
CYF Conferees depart for Camp Christian (ends 7/13)

Wed., 7/10: Church office closed through 7/15 (Office Administrator's vacation)

Thu., 7/11: 6:00 p.m. - Elders' picnic at the home of Chris Thomas & Chris Trunk

Sat., 7/13: 3:00 p.m. - Connor Sweeten's graduation party in Fellowship Hall (ends 6 p.m.)

Flowers in the chancel today are given by Dr. Chad Vickers & the Rev. Nathan Russell in celebration of the birth of Lucy Mae Marston, daughter of Krista & Josh Marston and granddaughter of Sheryl & James Bement and Angie & Sonny Marston.

