



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

## Worship of God

July 21, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Ms. Lisa Reshad

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

Ms. Reshad

Lift up your hearts...  
We lift them to the Lord.

Prelude

*I Will Call upon the Lord*

Mr. Collins

Meditation of Preparation

"Telling a story is like reaching into a granary full of wheat and drawing out a handful. There is always more to tell than can be told"

--Wendell Berry, Jayber Crow

\*Hymn of Praise

*Martha Labored in the Kitchen†*

NETTLETON



Mar - tha la - bored in the kit - chen; there was much yet to be done.  
Ma - ry sat and hum-bly list - ened to their guest her friend and Lord.  
God, we see in ther dis - trac - tion, Mar - tha lost sight of her goal;  
Were there days when Ma - ry la - bored, help - ing oth - ers, serv - ing well?



There was cook - ing, clean - ing, bak - ing too much work for a - ny - one.  
She just thought of Je - sus' teach - ing not the need for bread and board.  
In her grumb - ling and com - plain - ing, she for - got food for the soul.  
Were there times when Mar - tha sav - ored sto - ries Je - sus loved to tell?



For the Lord had come to vis - it; Je - sus sat there as her guest.  
So when Mar - tha came com - plain - ing, seek - ing Ma - ry's help that day.  
For there's al - ways some-thing pres - ing, some-thing ur - gent we must do,  
May we wor - ship, pray and stu - dy; may we serve you well to - day!



So much work! She longed to share it, so the meal would be its best.  
Je - sus turned to her ex - plain - ing, "Ma - ry chose the bet - ter way."  
Yet for us there's al - so bles - sing in the time we spend with you.  
All are need - ed on the jour - ney as we trav - el Je - sus' way.

\*Invocation

Mr. Joel Sinegar

Hymn of Prayer 595

*Be Thou My Vision*

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Prayers of the People

God in us dwelling...  
**Be Thou our vision.**

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 312

*Amen*

AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Mr. Sinegar

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

Offertory

Ms. Jennifer Butcher and Ms. Mitzi Lindsey  
*Wonderful Words of Life*

\*Doxology 46

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

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

The Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Ms. Reshad

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

One Thing

Ms. Reshad

Discipline of Silence

"When Jesus said to her Martha, you are distracted by many things — Mary has chosen the better part, it will not be taken away, I wonder if he meant not that we are distracted by work itself, but that we are distracted from the better part when we judge the actions or inactions of others through the lens of our own personality."

--Rev. Nadia Boltz-Weber, *The Main Thing* (8-14-13)

Hymn of Communion 429

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

FINEST WHEAT

Invitation to Commune Ms. Reshad

The Elder's Prayer Ms. Susan Mathes

The Words of Institution Ms. Reshad

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 Ms. Reshad

\*Hymn of Discipleship 614 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'M GONNA LIVE

Affirmation of Responses Ms. Reshad

Pastoral Benediction and Charge Ms. Reshad

Postlude *Adagio* Mr. Collins

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, 7/21: 12:00 noon - Parking lot in use by the Lorain County Historical Society

Thu., 7/25: Pastor Nathan returns to the office following the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada

Fri., 7/26: 10:00 a.m. - Christian Education Committee meeting

Today's image is *Martha and Mary*, by He Qi ([www.heqiart.com](http://www.heqiart.com))

Flowers in the chancel today were provided in honor of Roger & Marilyn Bauer's July 20, 1985 wedding anniversary.

