



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

Worship of God

July 14, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Fifth 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.

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

Prelude

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Mr. Collins

Meditation of Preparation

"Let's make the most of this beautiful day / Since we're together, might as well say / Would you be my, could you be my / Won't you be my neighbor?"

--Fred Rogers

*Hymn of Praise

Who Is My Neighbor?†

LOBE DEN HERREN

"Who is my neigh - bor?" A law - yer asked Je - sus, to test him.
 First down the road came a priest who just chose to ig - nore him.
 Tend - ing the wounds of the man, the Sa - mar - i - tan lab - ored.
 We sing this sto - ry to help us re - call and re - mem - ber

So Je - sus told him a sto - ry to ans - wer his ques - tion:
 Next came a Le - vite who would not do a - ny - thing for him.
 He was the one with com - pas - sion, the one in God's fa - vor.
 to be the neigh - bor with love, care, and mer - cy to ren - der

Lone - ly the way... Lone - ly the trav - 'ler one day..
 Then one de - spised, ha - ted in ev - 'ry - one's eyes,
 Not by a creed but by re - spond - ing to need,
 to one and all. Let us now ans - wer Christ's call

Rob - bers at - tacked him and left him.
 knelt down to heal and re - store him.
 He proved to be the good neigh - bor.
 to be the friend and the neigh - bor.

*Invocation

Mr. Bob Maxwell

Hymn of Prayer 503

O Christ the Healer

ROCKINGHAM

Prayers of the People

O Christ the Healer...
Release in us your healing truth.

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. Maxwell

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

Offertory

Mr. Chris Thomas and Mr. Chris Trunk

Selection from "Water Music Suite No. 2"

*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 10:25-37

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Who Is the Neighbor?

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Can we finally agree that it is better to acknowledge the humanity and the potential to do good in the enemy, rather than to choose death? Will we be able to care for our enemies, who are also our neighbors? Will we be able to bind up their wounds rather than blow up their cities? And can we imagine that they might do the same for us? Can we put into practice that inauguration promise of not leaving the wounded traveler on the road? The biblical text—and concern for humanity's future—tell us we must."

--Amy-Jill Levine, *Short Stories by Jesus*

Hymn of Communion 330	<i>Alleluia! Hear God's Story</i>	W ZLOBIE LEZY
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
The Elder's Prayer		Ms. Lisa Reshad
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 680	<i>O God of Every Nation</i>	NYLAND
Affirmation of Responses		Rev. Russell
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Prelude and Fugue</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Mr. Collins

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.

†Vs. 1-3 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; v. 4 Russell Huffman

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 7/14: 10:30 a.m. - Called Board meeting to amend wording on an approved expenditure
Chi Rhoers depart for Camp Corinth at Camp Christian (ends 7/20)

4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary in use (rehearsal)

Sat., 7/20: General Assembly in Des Moines, IA begins (ends 7/24)

Today's image is *Good Samaritan*, by He Qi (www.heqiart.com)

Flowers in the chancel today are provided in memory of the July 6, 1921 wedding anniversary of Harold & Gladys Clark, in perpetuity, by their son, Edward.

The larger arrangement was provided by John Farrar in memory of his wife Helen; yesterday would have been her 95th birthday.

