



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

## Worship of God

August 4, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. 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

*Now We Feel the Holy Spirit*

Mr. Collins

Meditation of Preparation

Be not anxious! Earthly possessions dazzle our eyes and delude us into thinking that they can provide security and freedom from anxiety... The way to misuse our possessions is to use them as an insurance against the morrow. Anxiety is always directed to the morrow, whereas goods are in the strictest sense meant to be used only for today. By trying to ensure for the next day we are only creating uncertainty today. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. The only way to win assurance is by leaving tomorrow entirely in the hands of God and by receiving from [God] all we need for today.

--Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

\*Hymn of Praise

*O God, We Meet to Praise†*

LEONI

O God, we meet to praise and hear your voice a - gain.  
 If on - ly we could learn what keeps us want - ing more:  
 O Christ, if we could know God's will for all the earth!  
 Come, Spir - it, set us free to live and love and be

You call us to seek jus - tice through - out all the land.  
 We build our big - ger barns so we'll feel more se - cure.  
 And yet, by your own Spir - it, you have shown God's truth.  
 good news to those held cap - tive and the ref - u - gee.

Yet anc - ient fears as - sail, we cling to what we own  
 But you a - lone, O God, give true se - cur - i - ty;  
 "Do just - ice, help the poor, share life and love and land,  
 May your wind move through us, rich toward you let us be.

and shy a - way from right - eous - ness in - to con - trol.  
 Pos - sessed by our pos - ses - sions we can - not be free.  
 And when you see the hun - gry o - pen wide your hand.  
 We'll wor - ry not but trust in your great lib - er - ty.

\*Invocation

Ms. Susan Mathes

Hymn of Prayer 609

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

HENDON

Prayers of the People

Take all we have, O God...  
**And use it as you choose.**

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

Ms. Mathes

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

Offertory

*Let All Things Now Living*

Mr. Collins and Rev. Russell

\*Doxology 46

*Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*

MARION

**Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore.  
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore!  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

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

The Reading

Luke 12:13-31

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Striving toward the Reign of God

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

Really we don't need much / Just strength to believe / There's honey in the rock, /  
There's more than we see / In these patches of joy / These stretches of sorrow /  
There's enough for today / There will be enough tomorrow.

--Sara Groves, *Enough*

Hymn of Communion 381

*Take My Gifts*

TALAVERA TERRACE

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Carol McIntyre

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 695

*God of the Fertile Fields*

ITALIAN HYMN

Affirmation of Responses

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Abide With Me*  
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

†vv 1 and 4 by Russell Huffman; 2 and 3 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 8/4: 12:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School planning luncheon

Mon., 8/5: 5:30 p.m. - VBS begins (runs nightly through 8/9, 5:30-8:15 p.m.)

Today's image is *Parable of the Rich Man* by T Bertram Poole.

