



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

Worship of God

August 11, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Ninth 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.

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Meditation of Preparation

"Faith isn't about having everything figured out ahead of time; faith is about following the quiet voice of God without having everything figured out ahead of time."

--Rachel Held Evans, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*

*Hymn of Praise

Old Abram Was Blessed†

LYONS

Old Abram was blest and Sar-ai was, too,
The old cou-ple laughed at what God might do,
O God, in your love, a whole na-tion new: grew;

When God called their names and said, "I choose you!"
Was what they had of heard im-pos-sibly true?
A new set of names, a new fu-ture, too.
You called them to be a bless-ing for you.

"I'll give you de-scendants likes stars up a-bove
For they had no child-ren to car-ry their name,
They faith-ful-ly trust-ed, that hus-band and light,
You sent them, you send us, to be this world's light.

Too ma-ny to count, and a sign of my love."
Yet God prom-ised na-tions would rise out of them.
Soon Sar-ah and still A-bra-ham found a new life.
Your prom-ise still shines like the stars in the night.

*Invocation

Ms. Gail Haywood

Hymn of Prayer 534

When Our Confidence is Shaken

LAUDA ANIMA

Prayers of the People

When our confidence is shaken, O God...

Mature our faith.

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 593

Lead Me, Lord

LEAD ME LORD

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Haywood

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

Offertory

Mr. Collins and Ms. Pam Sheetz

This Is My Father's World

*Doxology 528

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

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

The Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faith In Which We Hope

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Make up a story... For our sake and yours forget your name in the street; tell us what the world has been to you in the dark places and in the light. Don't tell us what to believe, what to fear. Show us belief's wide skirt and the stitch that unravels fear's caul."

--Toni Morrison, The Nobel Lecture In Literature, 1993

Hymn of Communion 575

BEACH SPRING

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Sandy Rieth

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 458

Ours the Journey

OURS THE JOURNEY

Affirmation of Responses

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

C Major Prelude
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

†Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon., 8/12: 6:00 p.m. - Worship Committee meeting

Fri., 8/16: Church office closed (vacation day)

Sat., 8/17: Hot Meal served at Elyria Salvation Army (Gail & Tim Haywood team)

Flowers in the chancel today are in honor of the 60th (August 9) wedding anniversary of Ken & Margi Evans from Jeff, Sharon, and Jaden.

