



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

Worship of God

August 18, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Tenth 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!

Prelude

Bach Chorale Prelude BWV 599

Mr. Collins

Meditation of Preparation

"Faith allows people to see beyond what is right in front of them, their daily problems, to see what God is doing in their midst, to see what God has done throughout the ages, and to see the future joy God has in store for us."

--David E. Gray

*Hymn of Praise

Deep in the Shadows of the Past†

KINGSFOLD

Deep in the shadows of the past, far out from settled lands,
While others bowed to change-less gods they met a mys - ter - y,
From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the prom - ise changed and grew,
5 For all the writ - ings that sur - vived, for lead - ers, long a - go,
some no - mads trav - eled with their God a - cross the des - ert sands.
in - vis - i - ble, with - out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE;"
10 while some re - mem - ber - ing the past, re - cord - ed what they knew,
who sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the Bi - ble that we know,
The dawn - ing hope of hu - man - kind by them was sensed and shown;
and by their tents, a - round their fires, in sto - ry, song, and law,
15 or with their let - ters and la - ments, their proph - e - cy and praise
give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our prom - ise, strength, and call,
a prom - ise call - ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.
they praised, re - mem - bered, hand - ed on a past that prom - ised more.
re - cov - ered, kin - dled and ex - pressed new hope for chang - ing days.
the mod - el of e - merg - ing faith, a - live with hope for all.

*Invocation

Ms. Karen Davis

Hymn of Prayer 510

Out of the Depths

DEPTHS

Prayers of the People

Out of the depths, O God...
We call to you.

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. Davis

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

Offertory

In This Very Room

Quartific and Mr. Collins

*Doxology 15

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

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The example of Jesus is ever before us. The past inspires us. All that is left is God's future ahead of us. How we run the race will be our testimony, bearing witness to the next generation—not of our faithfulness but of God's faithfulness."

--Jill Duffield

Hymn of Communion 386

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We Come as Guests Invited

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Polly Simmons

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 633 LANCASHIRE
Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Affirmation of Responses 341 Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude Mr. Collins
Toccata
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 Brian Wren

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wed., 8/21: 7:00 p.m. - Movie night at WACC, featuring *Fried Green Tomatoes*.

Quartific is comprised of Mark Mathes, Alan Petersen, Bob Rieth, and Chris Thomas.

