



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

## Worship of God

August 25, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Eleventh 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

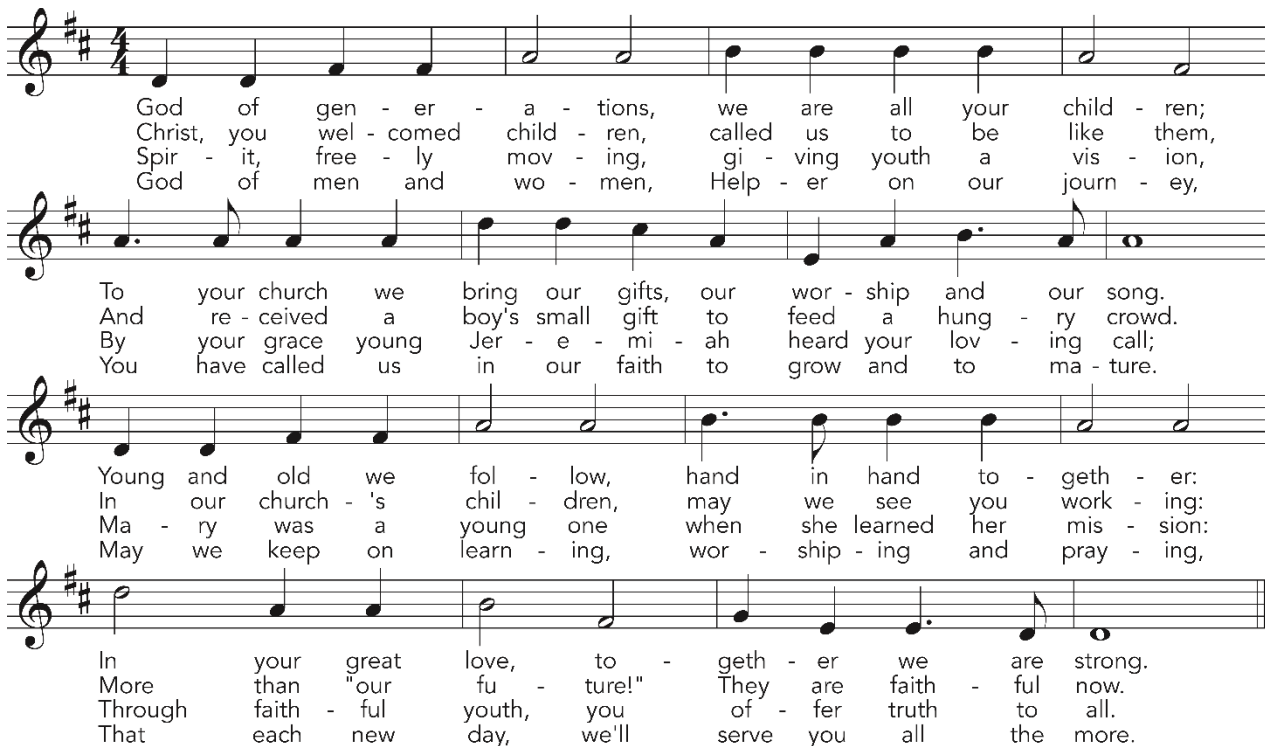
"Your profession is not what brings home your weekly paycheck, your profession is what you're put here on earth to do, with such passion and such intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling."

--Vincent van Gogh

## \*Hymn of Praise

*God of Generation†*

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God of gen - er - a - tions, we are all your child - ren;  
Christ, you wel - comed child - ren, called us to be like them,  
Spir - it, free - ly mov - ing, gi - ving youth a vis - ion,  
God of men and wo - men, Help - er on our jour - n - ey,  
To your church we bring our gifts, our wor - ship and our song.  
And re - ceived a boy's small gift to feed a hung - ry crowd.  
By your grace young Jer - e - mi - ah heard your lov - ing call;  
You have called us in our faith to grow and to ma - ture.  
Young and old we fol - low, hand in hand to - geth - er:  
In our church - 's chil - dren, may we see you work - ing;  
Ma - ry was a young one when she learned her mis - sion:  
May we keep on learn - ing, wor - ship - ing and pray - ing,  
In your great love, to - geth - er we are strong.  
More than 'our fu - ture!' They are faith - ful now.  
Through faith - ful youth, you of - fer truth to all.  
That each new day, we'll serve you all the more.

## \*Invocation

Ms. Lill McNeal

## Hymn of Prayer 251

*O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

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## Prayers of the People

Eternal Vigor and Saving One...  
Free us by your living Word.

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 306

HEAR OUR PRAYER

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. McNeal

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

Offertory

*By the Rivers of Babylon*

Diana and Stephanie Tyler

\*Doxology 715

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,  
Who, from our parents' arms, has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

The Children's Moment

Debbie Walker

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

The Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Jeremiad

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The church is God saying: 'I'm throwing a banquet, and all these mismatched, messed-up people are invited. Here, have some wine.'"

--Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday*

Hymn of Communion (insert)

*The Body of Christ*

Diana Tyler

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Jen Sweeten

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 452

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

Affirmation of Responses 341

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Kingsfold*

WACC Orchestra

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, 8/25: 10:30 a.m. - Elders' meeting in the Elders' conference room
- Mon., 8/26: 2:00 p.m. - Cello students' rehearsal in the sanctuary
- Tue., 8/27: 6:30 p.m. - Pastoral Relations Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room
- 7:00 p.m. - Cello student's recital in the sanctuary
- Sat., 8/31: 4:00 p.m. - Parking lot in use
- 7:30 p.m. - Youth (grades 6-12) kick-off bonfire at the home of Jeff, Sharon and Jaden Evans, 753 Washington Avenue (ends 10 p.m.)

Today's image is *Jeremiah* by Marc Chagall.

The WACC Orchestra consists of Corey Adams, Richelle Bridges, Evan Collins, Julia Collins, Julia Davis, Julia Hamilton, Ashely Harmon, Aaron Moen, Leilani SantoDomingo, Chris Thomas, Alex Thornsbury, and Chris Trunk.

The rose vase is in memory of Wendell Painley's August 27, 1930 birthday, from Shirley Painley and family. Additional flowers are in honor of Kimberly Wilhelm's "big" birthday tomorrow, with love from her family, and also in memory of Kimberly's dad, Wally Smith, on Tuesday's one-year anniversary of his passing.

