



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

## Worship of God

September 8, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Thirteenth 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

*Prelude and Fugue BuxWV 152*

Mr. Collins

Meditation of Preparation

"The autumn aroma leads me into common life without guarantees."

--Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing, *The Mushroom at the End of the World*

\*Hymn of Praise (back cover of hymnal)

WASHINGTON AVENUE

*From Doorsteps to Earth's Corners*

\*Invocation

Ms. Kimberly Wilhelm

Hymn of Prayer 527

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

Prayers of the People

God who gives what is best...

**Hear the prayer we make.**

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*

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Wilhelm

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

Anthem

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Chancel Choir

\*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.)

The Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Consequences of Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Jesus of Nazareth always comes asking disciples to follow him--not merely 'accept him,' not merely 'believe in him,' not merely 'worship him,' but to follow him: one either follows Christ, or one does not. There is no compartmentalization of the faith, no realm, no sphere, no business, no politic in which the lordship of Christ will be excluded. We either make him Lord of all lords, or we deny him as Lord of any."

--Lee Camp, *Mere Discipleship*

Hymn of Communion 411

AGAPE

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Nancy Walker

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 357    *We Call Ourselves Disciples*

LANCASHIRE

Affirmation of Responses 341

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude    *Fugue in C Major (Book 1 of the Well-Tempered Clavier)*

Mr. Collins

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.

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today, 9/8: 10:45 a.m. - Coffee hour in the narthex, hosted by the Christian Education Committee
- Tue., 9/10: 4:15 p.m. - Staff meeting in Pastor Nathan's office  
5:30 p.m. - Elders' supper meeting in the Elders' conference room  
7:00 p.m. - Board meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Wed., 9/11: 5:30 p.m. - Weekly youth group (grades 6-12) supper gathering in Fellowship Hall  
and the youth rooms  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary

Today's image is *Journey with Jesus* by He Qi [www.heqiart.com](http://www.heqiart.com)

Flowers in the chancel today are in honor of Lisa Ward's birthday today,  
with love from her Mom, Aunt Dawna, and all her family.

