



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

Worship of God

September 15, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Fourteenth 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

"Theologically, grace must include the fact that we have untried capacities to live richly in a universe of unfathomable interest, and that we can and do, amazingly, enhance its interest with the things we make. Isn't it true that we actually add things to the universe, the great plenum? And this is true, I would say, by the grace of God."

--Marilynne Robinson, *What Are We Doing Here?*

*Hymn of Praise 66

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*Invocation

Mr. Gary McIntyre

Hymn of Prayer

O God, We Hear Your Word of Grace†

CAROL



O God, we hear your word of grace. The Psalm - ist tells us this:
The world pro - claims a dif - fer'nt word: How can these things be so?
Lord, show us what we're called to do as we a - wait your day.
Im - mor - tal and in - vis - i - ble yet with us on the way



That love and faith will soon em - brace, and peace and just - ice kiss.
For all a - round this hurt - ing earth, the seeds of dis - cord grow.
For wait - ing well means serv - ing, too, and walk - ing in Christ's way.
From door - steps to earth's cor - ners, to love, to serve, to pray.



Then all will sing out, "God is good!" Then har - vests will in - crease.
When war and con - flict, greed, and pride would claim our loy - al - ty,
Now by your Spir - it, may we be the bear - ers of your grace,
Your mer - cy meets us with sur - prise, Your grace re - vives, re - news.



And we will list - en, lov - ing Lord, as you pro - claim your peace.
Too of - ten we have turned a - side from what we're called to be.
till peace and just - tice both shall meet and love and faith em - brace.
Now hear our prayer and make us one, pro - claim - ing God's good news!

Prayers of the People

Merciful God...

Let us hear your word of grace.

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 305

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Mr. McIntyre

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

Anthem

If You Search with All Your Heart

Chancel Choir

*Doxology 23

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed.
God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

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

The Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mercy Me

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"I do not understand the mystery of grace -- only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us."

--Anne Lamott, *Traveling Mercies*

Hymn of Communion 386

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We Come as Guests Invited

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Susan Mathes

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 62	<i>Creator God, Creating Still</i>	ST. ANNE
Affirmation of Responses 341		Rev. Russell
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Toccata on Amazing Grace</i> 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.1-3 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, v. 4 by Russell Huffman

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 9/15:	10:45 a.m. - Sunday school 12:30 p.m. - WACC Orchestra rehearsal in the sanctuary
Mon., 9/16:	5:00 p.m. - <i>Bible, Burger & Beer</i> at the Foundry Kitchen & Bar
Tue., 9/17:	6:00 p.m. - Joanna Circle family picnic at the home of Barbara Terrell, 39900 Hope Ct.
Wed., 9/18:	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
Thu., 9/19:	10:45 a.m. - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms
Fri., 9/20:	WACC hosts a booth at the Elyria Apple Festival, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (hosts needed for 2-hour shifts 9/21 & 22)

