



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

Worship of God

September 22, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Fifteenth 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.

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

Prelude

Morning

Whitechapel Ringers

Meditation of Preparation

"All will be redeemed in God's fullness of time, all, not just the small portion of the population who have been given the grace to know and accept Christ. All the strayed and stolen sheep. All the little lost ones."

--Madeleine L'Engle, *A Stone for a Pillow*

*Hymn of Praise 14

Womb of Life, and Source of Being

IN BABILONE

*Invocation

Ms. Pam Sheetz

Hymn of Prayer

Hear My Prayer for Unity†

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR



"Hear my prayer for u - ni - ty," Je - sus prayed for all his own.
 God, we live in great dis - cord torn by is - sues we hold dear;
 By your Spir - it, make us one; so the world will come to know



"May these ones you've giv - en me live the love that I have shown.
 E - ven as we call you Lord, we still cling to pride and fear.
 All the love of Christ the Son, all your joys that o - ver - flow.



Mine are yours and yours are mine; in them I am glo - ri - fied!
 Bound to - geth - er, we'd be free; we could join in serv - ing you!
 Help us put a - side our strife; give your church a hum - ble mind!



Now I send them as a sign; so may they be u - ni - fied.
 For the best the - ol - o - gy starts when love makes all things new.
 Christ, the Way, the Truth the Life, strength - en now the ties that bind.

Prayers of the People

Life-giving and loving God...
Hear our prayer for unity.

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. Sheetz

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

Anthem

We Are One

Chancel Choir

*Doxology 50

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

The Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

When God Gets What God Wants

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"But Jesus, who in this vision informed me of all that is needed by me, answered with these words and said: 'It was necessary that there should be sin; but all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.'"

--Julian of Norwich, *Showings*

Hymn of Communion 393 *One Bread, One Body* ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer Mr. Gerald Western

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 494 *They'll Know We Are Christians* ST. BRENDAN'S

Affirmation of Responses 341 Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude *Fanfare* 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.

†Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Today's image is *Celebration* by John August Swanson.

Flowers in the chancel this morning are in honor of the one-year anniversary of Nathan Russell as WACC's Senior Pastor.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 9/22: 10:45 a.m. - Sunday school
12:30 p.m. - WACC Orchestra rehearsal in the sanctuary
Mon., 9/23: 5:00 p.m. - *Bible, Burger & Beer* at the Foundry Kitchen & Bar
Wed., 9/25: 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

