



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

Worship of God

September 29, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Sixteenth 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

It Is Well!

WACC Orchestra

Meditation of Preparation

"Where would I find enough leather
To cover the entire surface of the earth?
But with leather soles beneath my feet,
It's as if the whole world has been covered."

--Śāntideva

*Hymn of Praise 110

You Servants of God

HANOVER

*Invocation

Mr. Don Hange, Jr.

Hymn of Prayer 293

Out of Need and Out of Custom

GATHERING

Prayers of the People

God of human transformation ...
For your presence now we pray.

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 317

Amen

AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Mr. Hange

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

Anthem

Legacy of Faith

Chancel Choir

*Doxology 23

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.**

Children's Moment

Ms. Debbie Walker

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

The Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pursuing What Matters

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"What we would like to do is change the world--make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do. And, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, of the destitute--the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor, in other words--we can, to a certain extent, change the world; we can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world. We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world. We repeat, there is nothing we can do but love, and, dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as our friend."

--Dorothy Day, *Love Is the Measure*

Hymn of Communion 392

UNION SEMINARY

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Chris Thomas

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

ST. ANNE

By Grace, We Have Been Saved through Faith†

By grace, we have been saved through faith and not by works we do.
 We can - not boast of all our deeds; we have not earned our way.
 Though all our works won't cure our sin or give to us our worth,
 O God, in Christ, we hold this world with - in your love's em - brace.

For just as God gives life and breath God makes us whole and new.
 It's God, in Christ, who claims and frees and calls us day by day.
 we're called to use this time we're in to serve God here on earth.
 In serv - ing you, we thank you, Lord, for all your wond - rous grace.

Affirmation of Responses 341

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King
 And all the people said...
AMEN!

WACC Orchestra

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, 9/29: 10:45 a.m. - Sunday school
- 5:30 p.m. - Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night in Fellowship Hall
- Mon., 9/30: 5:00 p.m. - *Bible, Burger & Beer* at the Foundry Kitchen & Bar
- Tue., 10/1: 6:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room
- 7:00 p.m. - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room
- Wed., 10/2: 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 *Compassion Circle* by Arlene Dubo.

