



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

Worship of God

October 6, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Seventeenth 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

Morning 2

Whitechapel Ringers

Meditation of Preparation

"To those of us who believe that all of life is sacred every crumb of bread and sip of wine is a Eucharist, a remembrance, a call to awareness of holiness right where we are. I want all of the holiness of the Eucharist to spill out beyond church walls, out of the hands of priests and into the regular streets and sidewalks, into the hands of regular, grubby people like you and me, onto our tables, in our kitchens and dining rooms and backyards."

--Shauna Niequist, *Bread and Wine: A Love Letter to Life Around the Table with Recipes*

*Hymn of Praise

O God Beyond All Praising†

THAXTED

O God hear, be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end;
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to less you still:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*Invocation

Ms. Jane Hutson

Mission and Ministry in the World

Dr. Chad Vickers

Hymn of Prayer 576

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

Prayers of the People

Faithful God...
Hear us while 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 312

Amen

AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Hutson

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

Anthem

In Remembrance

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

MARION

Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore.

Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore!

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

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

The Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Unashamed of the Gospel

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Christians should put survival of the planet ahead of national security...Here is the mystery of our global responsibility: that we are in communion with Christ- and we are in communion with all people...The fact that the people of Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Russia, Afghanistan, and Ethiopia are our brothers and sisters is not obvious. People kill each other by the thousands and do not see themselves as brothers and sisters. If we want to be real peace-makers, national security cannot be our primary concern. Our primary concern should be survival of humanity, the survival of the planet, and the health of all people. Whether we are Russians, Iraqis, Ethiopians, or North Americans, we belong to the same human family that God loves. And we have to start taking some risks--not just individually, but risks of a more global quality, risks to let other people develop their own independence, risks to share our wealth with others and invite refugees to our country, risks to offer sanctuary--because we are people of God."

--Henri J. M. Nouwen, *The Road to Peace*

Hymn of Communion 403 *In Remembrance of Me* IN REMEMBRANCE

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer Ms. Lisa Reshad

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 464 CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

Affirmation of Responses 341 Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in F Major* 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 Michael Perry.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today, 10/6: 10:45 a.m. - Sunday school
Mon., 10/7: 5:00 p.m. - *Bible, Burger & Beer* at the Foundry Kitchen & Bar
Tue., 10/8: 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., 10/9: 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., 10/10: 6:30 p.m. - Movie Night in Fellowship Hall ("Hotel Transylvania")

