



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

Worship of God

October 20, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Ms. Lisa Reshad

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Whitechapel Ringers

Meditation of Preparation

"I think us here to wonder, myself. To wonder. To ask. And that in wondering bout the big things and asking bout the big things, you learn about the little ones, almost by accident. But you never know nothing more about the big things than you start out with. The more I wonder, the more I love."

--Alice Walker, *The Color Purple*

*Hymn of Praise 276

We Gather Together

KREMSER

*Invocation

Mr. Jeff Evans

Hymn of Prayer

Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You†

QUEM PASTORES

Grant us wis - dom to per - ceive you, hearts a -
 Grant us faith - ful - ness in pray - ing, strenght to
 Grant us dil - i - gence in do - ing, pa - tience
 Grant us cour - age to pro - claim you; Sav - ior

wak - ened to re - ceive you, minds a - lert to
 keep our souls from stray - ing, sense to cease from
 when your truth pur - su - ing, ea - ger to re -
 of our lives we name you! May our ac - tions

thoughts that grieve you, God of mer - cy, hear us.
 dis - o - bey - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
 ceive re - new - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
 nev - er shame you; God of mer - cu, hear us.

Prayers of the People

Ms. Reshad

God of mercy...
Hear us.

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. Evans

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

Anthem

Teach Us to Pray

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 Kings 19:1-18

Ms. Reshad

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Story Time

Ms. Reshad

Discipline of Silence

"The power of stories is that they are telling us that life adds up somehow, that life itself is like a story. And this grips us and fascinates us because of the feeling it gives us that if there is meaning in any life...then there is meaning also in our lives. And if this is true, it is of enormous significance in itself, and it makes us listen to the storyteller with great intensity because in this way all the stories are about us and because it is always possible that the teller may give us some clue as to what the meaning of our lives is."

--Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*

Hymn of Communion 330

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Alleluia! Hear God's Story

Invitation to Commune		Ms. Reshad
The Elder's Prayer		Ms. Susan Mathes
The Words of Institution		Ms. Reshad
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		Ms. Reshad
*Hymn of Discipleship 431	<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	AR HYD Y NOS
Affirmation of Responses 341		Ms. Reshad
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Ms. Reshad
Postlude	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth Medley</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Whitechapel Ringers

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 was inspired by a prayer of St. Benedict, the founder of the Benedictine monastic order, c. 529 CE. Rae Whitney grew up in England, but settled in Nebraska with her American husband in 1960. She is the author of some 300 hymns.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today, 10/20: 10:45 a.m. - Sunday school
 Wed., 10/23: 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

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