



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

Worship of God

October 27, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Reformation Sunday

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

"What this means in concrete is that being in mission is about sharing deeply in people's lives: building real relationships and friendships with those we serve, living not at a standard above the people we live among, but if necessary, sharing their poverty and their own vulnerability, undergoing the self-emptying of learning others' languages and culture."

--Stephen Bevens, *Mission after Christendom*

*Hymn of Praise 65

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

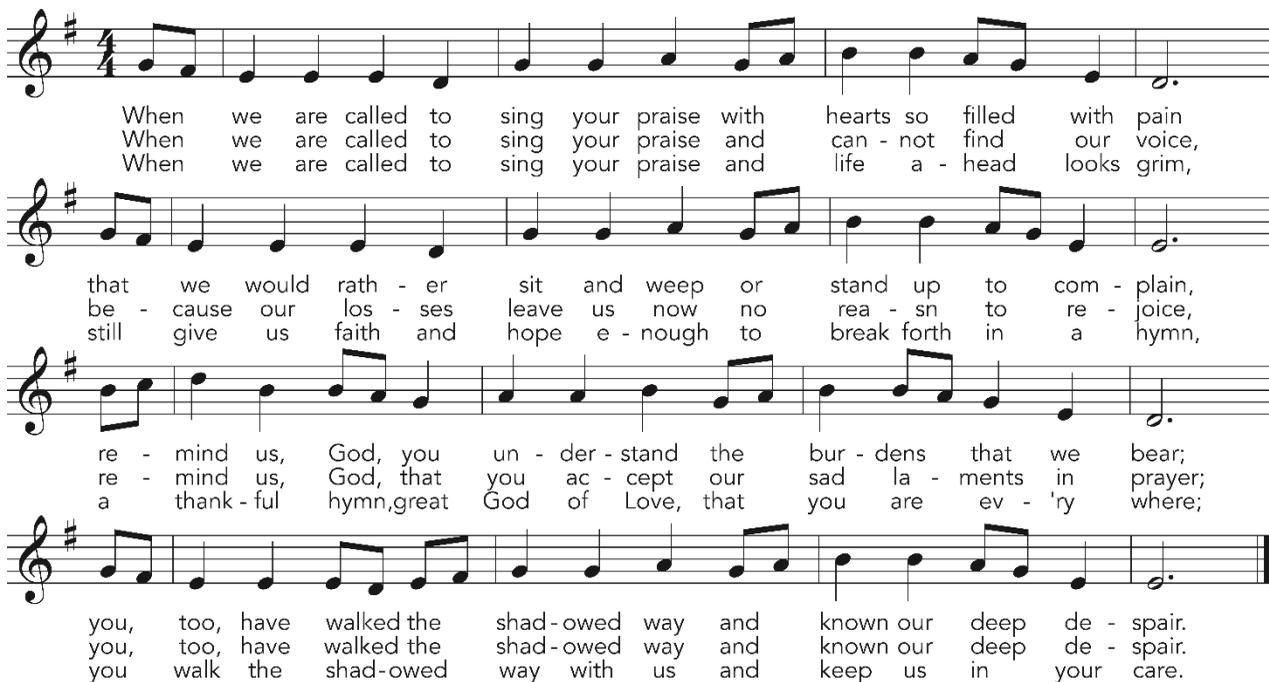
*Invocation

Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown

Hymn of Prayer

When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise†

KINGSFOLD



When we are called to sing your praise with hearts so filled with pain,
When we are called to sing your praise and can not find our voice,
When we are called to sing your praise and life a-head looks grim,
that we would rath - er sit and weep or stand up to com - plain,
be - cause our los - ses leave us now no rea - sn to re - joice,
still give us faith and hope e - nough to break forth in a hymn,
re - mind us, God, you un - der - stand the bur - dens that we bear;
re - mind us, God, that you ac - cept our sad la - ments in prayer;
a thank - ful hymn, great God of Love, that you are ev - 'ry where;
you, too, have walked the shad - owed way and known our deep de - spair.
you, too, have walked the shad - owed way and known our deep de - spair.
you walk the shad - owed way with us and keep us in your care.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Russell

Understanding God...
Accept the prayer we make.

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

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Stevens-Brown

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

Anthem

Guide My Feet

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.**

Moment with the Children

Ms. Debbie Walker

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

The Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Rev. Dr. Jon Barnes

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mission Today: Participating in the Truth

Rev. Dr. Barnes

Discipline of Silence

"When people approach one another with their hands full of gifts for each other, they cannot even shake hands or embrace in greeting, much less exchange their gifts, so long as their hands are full. First, they must set these gifts aside in order to greet each other with empty hands. Given our constant struggle against insidious temptation to incur gratitude and gain influence over others with our gifts, what better place on which to put these gifts when we approach each other than the altar at the foot of the Cross? We are now free to greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ, to embrace, to walk together in witness and service, to laugh and cry together in joy and sorrow experienced in solidarity...Each sister, each brother, becomes both a giver and receiver after they have met and embraced one another with empty hands."

--*Empty Hands: An Agenda for the Churches*, Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1980

Hymn of Communion 420

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Dr. Barnes

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Carol McIntyre

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 453

BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Affirmation of Responses 341

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

A Prelude in Bb

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 Mary Nelson Keithahn

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 10/27: 10:30 a.m. - Brunch and Q&A with the Reverend Dr. Jon Barnes, HELM
1:00 p.m. - WACC Orchestra rehearsal

Mon., 10/28: 5:00 p.m. - *Bible, Burger & Beer* at the Foundry Kitchen & Bar (final night)

Wed., 10/30: 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

Fri., 11/1: 10:00 a.m. - WACC hosts Elyria Area Church Women United's World Community Day gathering and luncheon in Fellowship Hall

Sat., 11/2: Daylight Saving Time ends (set clocks behind one hour before retiring)

Today's image is *The Good Samaritan* by He Qi (www.heqiart.com)

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