



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

Worship of God

November 3, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints 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

"The spirit of our helpers incarnates in us, making us more ourselves by extending us far beyond. And to that spirit there is no "beginning" as we know it (although we might finally know a historical figure who expressed it) and no end. Always a hello, from the concerned spiritual ancestor you may not even know you had—but this could strike at any time. Never a good-bye."

--Alice Walker, *Living by the Word*

*Hymn of Praise

Come and Join the Celebration†

NETTLETON



Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion! Praise the Lord and glad - ly sing.
Sing with joy, for on a Sun - day friends of Je - sus went to grieve.
God, we sing, for there is no - thing that can keep your love a - way.
Sing with joy, each gen - er - a - tion! Sing with those who've gone be - fore.

Hear the gos - pel proc - la - ma - tion: God in Christ changed ev - 'ry - thing!
Soon they found his tomb was emp - ty; tell - ing oth - ers, they be - lieved.
Not op - pres - sion, hard - ship, fam - ine, things to come or things to - day.
Join the king - dom ce - le - bra - tion, old and young, both rich and poor.

Tell a - gain the won - drous sto - ry; let your prais - es rise a - bove.
God of mir - a - cle and won - der; Je - sus died and lives a - gain!
Heights and depths can - not de - feat us; death will ne - ver be the same.
We have life, for we're for - giv - en; where, O death, is now your sting?

God, we sing and give you glo - ry for your ev - er - last - ing love.
Death has lost, for you are strong - er; all cre - a - tion sings, "A - men!"
Christ is ris - en! So you prom - ise: We have life in Je - sus' name.
Born of dust, we're claimed for heav - en, so let all God's peo - ple sing.

*Invocation

Ms. Susan Mathes

Remembering the Saints

Rev. Russell

Refrain 569

Jesus, Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer Ms. Jen Sweeten

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 649 *Give Thanks for Life* SINE NOMINE

Affirmation of Responses 341 Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude *Postlude in G 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 Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 11/3: 10:45 a.m. - Sunday School
Mon., 11/4: 6:00 p.m. - Worship Committee meeting
Tue., 11/5: 6:30 a.m. - Election Day Bake Sale as WACC serves as polling place (ends 7:30 p.m.)
Wed., 11/6: 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

Flowers in the chancel are in memory of

Diane McNulty Lesesky's November 1 birthday, from Joan McNulty.

The second arrangement is in memory of Arlene Knepper's November 5 birthday, from her family.

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

