

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.

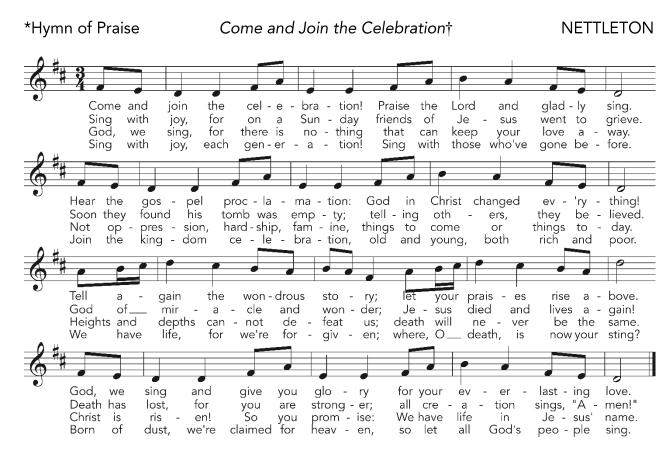
Call to Worship Rev. Russell

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



\*Invocation

Ms. Susan Mathes

Remembering the Saints

Rev. Russell

Refrain 569

Jesus, Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

**TRENTHAM** 

Prayers of the People

Rev. Russell

Breath of God...

Breathe on us, we pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Ms. Mathes

Anthem Prayer of Blessing 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, give thanks and sing.

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

The Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Prayers of the Saints

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The challenge of the saints of the twenty-first century is to begin again to comprehend the sacred in the ten thousand things of our world; to reverence what we have come to view as ordinary and devoid of spirit."

--Edward Hays, Secular Sanctity

Hymn of Communion 411

**AGAPE** 

For the Bread, Which You Have Broken

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

Mr. Collins

Postlude

Postlude in G Major 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)

