



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

Worship of God

November 17, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Twenty-Third 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 *The Church's One Foundation* The Whitechapel Ringers

Meditation of Preparation

"Not only is it [eternity] now and not yet; it is past and present. The "hereafter" or eternity is not only in the future but in the past... It is indeed a fullness of time in which past, present, and future coexist together."

--Karen Baker-Fletcher, *My Sister, My Brother: Womanist and Xodus God-Talk*

*Hymn of Praise 288 *O God of Vision* LOBE DEN HERREN

*Invocation Mr. Mark Mathes

View from the Pew Mr. Dan Walker and Friends

Hymn of Prayer 711 *O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines* CANDLER

Prayers of the People God of justice and shalom... Rev. Russell
Let us see your reign of peace.

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

Anthem *Song for Worship* 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

Isaiah 65:17-25

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

I'm About To...

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The people of God are not merely to mark time, waiting for God to step in and set right all that is wrong. Rather, they are to model the new heaven and new earth, and by so doing awaken longings for what God will someday bring to pass."

--Philip Yancey, *Disappointment with God: Three Questions No One Asks Aloud*

Hymn of Communion 330

Alleluia! Hear God's Story

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Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Becky Thompson

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 688 *When, In Awe of God's Creation*

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Affirmation of Responses 341

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Mr. Collins, Organist and Becky Thompson, Pianist

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today, 11/17: 10:45 a.m. - Sunday School
Mon., 11/18: 6:30 p.m. - Advent study in Fellowship Hall
Tue., 11/19: 10:00 a.m. - Advent study in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. - Joanna Circle gathering in the parlors
Wed., 11/20: 5:30 p.m. - Weekly youth group (grades 6-12) supper gathering
6:00 p.m. - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary
Thu., 11/21: 10:45 a.m. - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms
3:45 p.m. - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room

Today's image is *A New Heaven And A New Earth Rev 21:1-4*,
Acrylic Painting by American Artist Anthony Falbo.

Flowers in the chancel are in memory of memory of Andrew Rowe
on what would have been his 41st birthday, with love from Mom & Dad.

