



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

November 24, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Consecration Day

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

Improvisation on Diadem

Mr. Collins

Meditation of Preparation

“Under pressure, and with God’s help, sometimes the impossible can be accomplished. At least this is what happened at...Washington Avenue... The fellowship of common sacrifice and working together welded the member to a single purpose and nothing could defeat them... The new project saved the church, opened new doors of service, and proved that when faith is strong, great victories can be won.”

--Henry K. Shaw, *Elyria Disciples*

*Hymn of Praise 280 *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Invocation Ms. Kathy Wainwright

Hymn of Prayer 695 *God of the Fertile Fields* ITALIAN HYMN

Prayers of the People God of the fertile fields... Rev. Russell
Let your reign grow.

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 317 *Amen* AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts Ms. Wainwright
Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.

Anthem *We Will Glorify* Chancel Choir

*Doxology 50 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Moment with Children Ms. Debbie Walker
(Children age three through fifth grade depart for Children: Worship & Wonder.)

The Reading Colossians 1:11-20 Rev. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Hymns We Sing Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

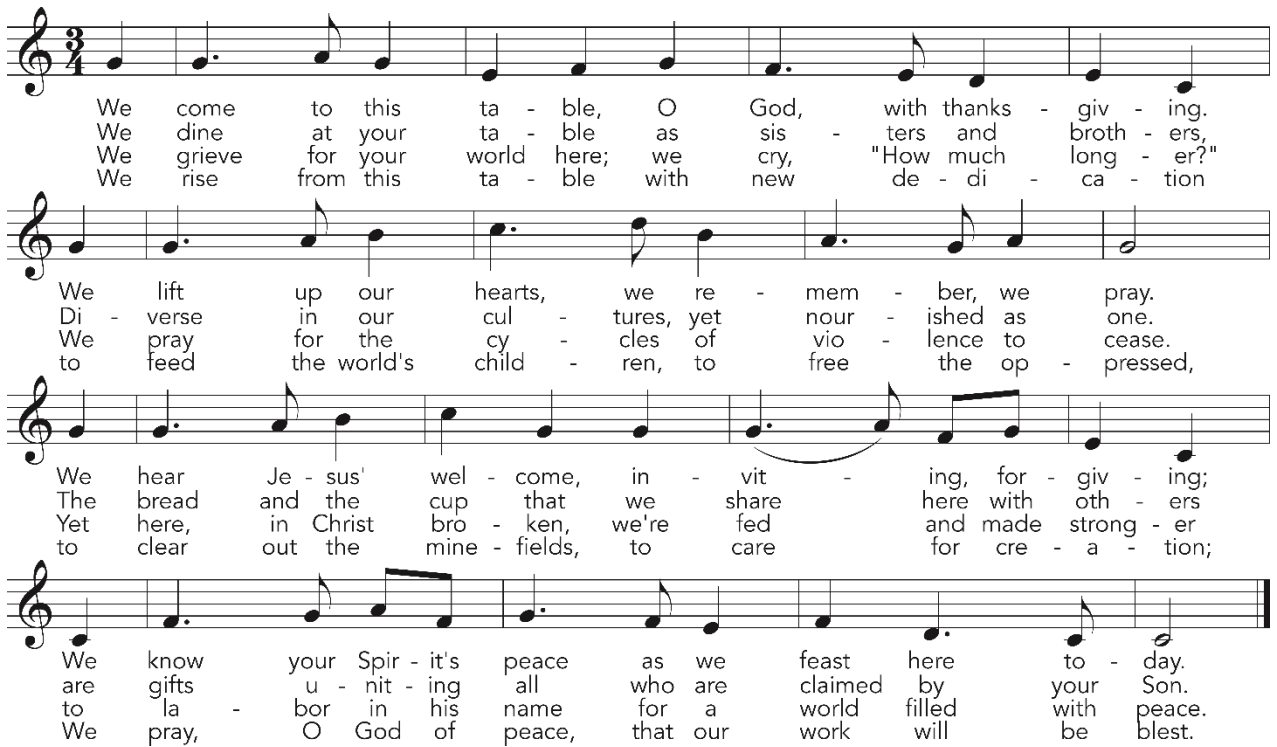
"As long as I'm singing, though, it's as if I'm inhabiting another reality. I become temporarily suspended in a world where everything bad is bearable, and everything good feels possible... Singing invariably and exquisitely triumphs over all my defenses; it has become a place where I still hope and still believe..."

Stacy Horn, *Imperfect Harmony*

Hymn of Communion

We Come to This Table†

KREMSER



We come to this ta - ble, O God, with thanks - giv - ing.
We dine at your ta - ble as sis - ters and broth - ers,
We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much long - er?"
We rise from this ta - ble with new de - di - ca - tion.

We lift up our hearts, we re - mem - ber, we pray.
Di - verse in our cul - tures, yet nour - ished as one.
We pray for the cy - cles of vio - lence to cease.
We feed the world's child - ren, to free the op - pressed,

We hear Je - sus' wel - come, in - vit - ing, for - giv - ing;
The bread and the cup that we share here with oth - ers
Yet here, in Christ bro - ken, we're fed and made strong - er
to clear out the mine - fields, to care for cre - a - tion;

We know your Spir - it's peace as we feast here to - day.
We are gifts u - nit - ing all who are claimed by your Son.
We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be with peace. blest.

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Barbara Terrell

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 (back cover of hymnal)

WASHINGTON AVENUE

From Doorsteps to Earth's Corners

Affirmation of Responses 341

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Collins

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, 11/24: 11:00 a.m. - All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner
(*Harvest displays may be removed following worship*)
- Wed., 11/27: 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary
- Thu., 11/28: Happy Thanksgiving! (Church office closed Thursday and Friday)
- Sat., 11/30: 9:00 a.m. - Worship Committee work session (Hanging of the Greens prep)

