



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

Worship of God

December 29, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: First Sunday After Christmas

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Ms. Susan Mathes

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

Ms. Mathes

Lift up your hearts...
We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude

Mr. Collins

Meditation of Preparation

“What we call the beginning is often the end / And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.”

--T. S. Eliot, *Little Gidding*

The Children's Moment (Children age three through fifth grade depart for Children: Worship & Wonder afterwards.)		Ms. Debbie Walker
The Reading	Hebrews 2:10-18 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	Mr. Thimke
Sermon	Out with the Old; In with the New	Mr. Thimke
Discipline of Silence "What the caterpillar calls the end the rest of the world calls a butterfly." --Lao Tzu		
Hymn of Communion 404	<i>A Hymn of Joy We Sing</i>	BOYLSTON
Invitation to Commune		Mr. Thimke
The Elder's Prayer		Ms. Mathes
The Words of Institution 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.		Mr. Thimke
Invitation to Discipleship		Ms. Mathes
*Hymn of Discipleship 167	<i>GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN</i> <i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	
Affirmation of Responses 341		Mr. Thimke
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Mr. Thimke
Postlude	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.

CALENDAR

Today, 12/29: 10:45 a.m. - Sunday school Pajama-rama

Today's image is Henry Ossawa Tanner's *Flight into Egypt* which is on display at the Allen Art Museum in Oberlin, Ohio.

