



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

Worship of God

January 19, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.: Second Sunday After the Epiphany

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

"Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves, like locked rooms and like books that are now written in a very foreign tongue. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer."

--Rainer Maria Rilke, *Letters to a Young Poet*

*Hymn of Praise 14

Womb of Life, and Source of Being

IN BABILONE

*Invocation

Ms. Joni Roberts

Hymn of Prayer

O Jesus, You Were Born to Be[†]

O WALY WALY

O Je - sus, you were born to be God's gift to save hu - man - i - ty;
 You taught the peo - ple ev - 'ry day as Rab - bi, Teach - er of the Way;
 You are Mes - siah, you are the Christ, An - noint - ed One, God's sac - ri - fice.
 O Je - sus, you're the liv - ing Way, the Res - ur - rec - tion, God's new Day!

And one great day we're mo - ving toward, all life will bow and call you Lord!
 O Je - sus, may we learn from you to love both God and neigh - bor, too!
 In you, God's mer - cy is re - vealed: We're saved from sin, for - giv - en, healed.
 You give us hope and make us new; How won - drous is our life in you!

Prayers of the People

Rev. Russell

Teacher of the Way...
 May we learn from you.

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

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

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Roberts

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

Anthem

Lamb of God

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!

The Reading

John 1:29-42

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

“‘Come and see!’ With these urgent words Jesus invited the disciples so long ago. With these words, we are invited as well. So ‘come and see!’ Along with Andrew and Simon and all the rest, hear Jesus’ invitation to come closer! And while you're pulling on your boots, think about just who you might invite to come along and see as well!”

--Janet Hunt, *Dancing with the Word*

Hymn of Communion 417 *We Place upon Your Table, Lord*

WINCHESTER NEW

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Mr. Gerald Western

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 357 *We Call Ourselves Disciples*

LANCASHIRE

Affirmation of Responses 341

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Her Gott, nun sei gepreiset

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.

Today's image is *The Lamb* by Paul Klee.

†Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

CALENDAR

Today, 1/19: 11:00 a.m. - Handbell rehearsal, and Sunday School in the youth rooms

January speakers—

19—Liyana Asmar, Genesis House ("Silent Witnesses" traveling memorial will be on premises for viewing January 15-22)

26—Rev. Kris Eggert, God Before Guns

Mon., 1/20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed (church office closed)

Tue., 1/21: 6:30 p.m. - Joanna Circle gathering in the WACC parlors

Wed., 1/22: 5:30 p.m. - Weekly youth group (gr. 6-12) supper and gathering in Fellowship Hall and the youth rooms

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary

