



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

Worship of God

January 26, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.: Laity Sunday

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Debby Willets

We pass the friendship register as a way of welcoming one another to this time of sacred worship.

Call to Worship

Ms. Willets

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

Prelude

Meditation No. 6

Mr. Collins

Meditation of Preparation

Love everyone. I'll sort them out later.

– "God" (Billboard)

*Hymn of Praise 23

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*Invocation

Mr. Mark Mathes

Scripture

John 15:10-17

Mr. Mathes

Hymn of Prayer 585

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

Prayers of the People

Ms. Nancy Walker

One Voice: Let us pray. We come together this morning, offering you thanks and lifting your name in praise. We come acknowledging that you are the source of all good gifts. In creation, we are reminded of your love and desire that we have all that we need for a good and bountiful life.

All voices: I am a friend of God, who is the source of all blessing.

One Voice: We come trusting that you are there for us in times of stress and difficulty. We lift up those we have mentioned and others we may mention now silently or aloud... In the midst of chaos and disorder, you work to bring forth what is good and holy.

All voices: I am a friend of God, who is the source of consolation and wholeness.

One Voice: We come knowing that you are there in the midst of joy and celebration. You fill our hearts with laughter and you are the reason for our rejoicing.

All voices: I am a friend of God, who is the source of all gladness and delight.

One Voice: We recommit our lives to you, O Lord, desiring to center our lives in your purpose and plan that we may live as a blessing to others.

All voices: I am a friend of God, a partner in the renewal of all creation.

One Voice: We pledge our talents and resources for the work of your kingdom. We set our feet on the path that Jesus has shown us so that we may walk in righteousness and humility with our God.

All voices: I am a friend of God, who was first a friend to me.

One voice: Let us continue in the Spirit as we pray together...

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 312

Amen

AMEN

Children's Moment

Ms. Debbie Walker

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

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Chris Baumgartner

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

Musical PowerPoint Presentation

You've Got a Friend in Me

*Doxology 46

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

The Reading

James 2:14-26

Becky Thompson

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Friends for Life

Becky Thompson

Discipline of Silence

"The church will be what we make it. It will be friendly if we are; holy if we are; prayerful if we pray. Its pews will be filled if we help fill them. It will do great work for Jesus if we work. It will make generous gifts to many causes if we are generous givers. It will bring others into its worship if we invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy if we, who make it what it is, are filled with these same things. May we dedicate ourselves to the task of being all the things we want our church to be."
- Author unknown

Hymn of Communion 392

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

Invitation to Commune

Ms. Carol McIntyre

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. McIntyre

The Words of Institution

Mr. Gerald Western

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

Ms. Kimberly Wilhelm

*Hymn of Discipleship 461

BEACH SPRING

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Affirmation of Responses 341

Ms. Wilhelm

Benediction

Mr. Oblak

Postlude

Invention No. 1
And all the people said...

Mr. Collins

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.

CALENDAR

Today, 1/26: 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School in the youth rooms with the Reverend Kris Eggert, God Before Guns

February Discovery Hour Schedule:

February 2—Kristi Miller, Lorain County Consortium on Human Trafficking

February 9—Dennis Schmidt, "Love Is A Many Splendid Thing" (explaining the four ancient Greek words we translate as love)

February 16—John Rodenberg, Week of Compassion (sharing about WoC's work in the refugee camps in Southeast Asia)

February 23—Mark Mathes, "Kenya: The Land and People You May Not Know"

Tue., 1/28: 6:00 p.m. - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room

Wed., 1/29: 5:30 p.m. - Weekly youth group (gr. 6-12) supper and gathering in Fellowship Hall and the youth rooms

6:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room

6:25 p.m. - Whitechapel Ringers rehearsal in the sanctuary

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

Flowers in the chancel today are in memory of the birthday of Harold M. Clark, 1/26/1898, provided in perpetuity by his son, Edward Clark.

