



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

Worship of God

February 9, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.: Fifth 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!

Prelude

Gather Us In

Mr. Collins

Meditation of Preparation

"This everyday, ordinary question, "*Who are you?*" which involves asking one's singular *proper name*, is a *liminal* question, which can be either an opening gesture of welcoming invitation or an opening for interrogation of one's membership, belonging, citizenship, or identity. The question is on the threshold that can lead to the door of either hospitality or hostility. In this regard, the "*Who are you?*" question falls between hospitality and hostility. Derrida calls this ordinary, everyday question a "question of hospitality," a question that can reject or accept, exclude or include, the *arrivant*, the stranger, the *foreigner*."

--Namsoon Kang, *Cosmopolitan Theology*

*Hymn of Praise 491

As Grain on Scattered Hillsides

MERLE'S TUNE

*Invocation

Ms. Molly Fenik

Hymn of Prayer 470

When the Church of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

Prayers of the People

May our prayers, Lord...
Make us ten times more aware.

Rev. Russell

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 306

Hear Our Prayer

HEAR OUR PRAYER

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

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Fenik

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

Anthem

Teach Me, Lord

Chancel Choir

*Doxology 528

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

The Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Who are you?

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"For those who followed him, Jesus did not recite Torah; he was Torah. In his words and in his deeds, he was the living justice, mercy, and faith of God. Jesus did not interpret Torah; he fulfilled Torah in his flesh, and he promised those who followed him that they could fulfill it too. By his example, he taught his followers that there would be times when this fulfillment would go further than the Torah on the page - that was the dangerous part. There would be times when the deepest possible obedience to God would look like disobedience to the keepers of the tradition."

--Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Seeds of Heaven*

Hymn of Communion 289

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Susan Mathes

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

A Little Bit of Salt[†]
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Affirmation of Responses 341

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Dismissal in E^b
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 *Sermon on the Mount* by Laura James, laurajamesart.com .

†Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

CALENDAR

Today, 2/9: 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School in the youth rooms with *Dennis Schmidt*, "Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing" (begin your celebration of "St. Valentine's Week" by taking a look at the four ancient Greek words we translate as "love")

February Discovery Hour Schedule:

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"

Mon., 2/10: 4:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room

Tue., 2/11: 5:30 p.m. - Elders' supper meeting in the Elders' conference room

7:00 p.m. - Board meeting in the youth rooms

Wed., 2/12: 5:30 p.m. - Weekly youth group (gr. 6-12) supper and gathering in Fellowship Hall and the youth rooms

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

6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal at the home of Bonnie & Dennis Jackson, 913 Bennett Dr.

Thu., 2/13: 4:00 p.m. - Church Life & Growth Committee work session (cookie box assembly)

Fri., 2/14: Cookie Evangelism deliveries around town

Sat., 2/15: 4:00 p.m. - Jesus and Dr. Seuss (faith formational class for ages 3-12 and their parents)
Hot Meal served at Elyria Salvation Army (by Mathes ad hoc team)

Flowers in the chancel are in memory of the 2/12/1901 birthday of

Gladys A. Clark, provided in perpetuity by son Edward Clark.

The lavender, purple, and white arrangement is in honor of Brenda Keenan for a "Happy Special Birthday!" (2/12) with love from Jane, Julie and Tim.

