



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

Worship of God

February 23, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.: Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Ms. Nancy Walker

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. Walker

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

Prelude

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Whitechapel Ringers

Meditation of Preparation

"Sometimes the clouds weren't weightless. Sometimes their bellies got dark and full. It was life. It happened. It didn't mean it wasn't scary, or that I wasn't still afraid, but now I knew that as long as I was standing under it with Braden beside me when those clouds broke, I'd be alright. We'd get rained on together. Knowing Braden he'd have a big...umbrella to shelter us from the worst of it. That there was an uncertain future I could handle."

--Samantha Young, *On Dublin Street*

*Hymn of Praise 100

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

*Invocation

Ms. Lydia Ward

Hymn of Prayer

Restless Weaver

BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the People

Restless weaver ...

Ms. Walker

Help us weave your world anew.

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

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

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Ward

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

Anthem

Majesty

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

The Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Rev. Josh Baird

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rooted in the Future

Rev. Baird

Discipline of Silence

“Aren't the clouds beautiful? They look like big balls of cotton... I could just lie here all day, and watch them drift by... If you use your imagination, you can see lots of things in the cloud formations... What do you think you see, Linus?”

‘Well, those clouds up there look like the map of the British Honduras on the Caribbean... That cloud up there looks a little like the profile of Thomas Eakins, the famous painter and sculptor... And that group of clouds over there gives me the impression of the stoning of Stephen... I can see the apostle Paul standing there to one side...’

‘Uh huh... That's very good... What do you see in the clouds, Charlie Brown?’

‘Well, I was going to say I saw a ducky and a horsie, but I changed my mind!’”

--Charles M. Schulz, *The Complete Peanuts, Vol. 5: 1959-1960*

Hymn of Communion 416 *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* CONSOLATION

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Baird

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Walker

The Words of Institution

Rev. Baird

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. Walker

*Hymn of Discipleship 633 *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*

LANCASHIRE

Affirmation of Responses 341

Ms. Walker

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Baird

Postlude

Lancashire Dismissal
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, 2/23: 10:30 a.m. - WACC Orchestra rehearsal in the sanctuary
11:00 a.m. - Sunday School in Fellowship Hall with Mark Mathes, "Kenya: The Land and People You May Not Know"; refreshments provided
- Wed., 2/26: 5:30 p.m. - Weekly youth group (gr. 6-12) supper and gathering in Fellowship Hall and the youth rooms
6:00 p.m. - Combined choir rehearsal for Ash Wednesday service (at Christian Temple)
7:00 p.m. - District 2A Ash Wednesday service at Christian Temple, 940 W. Fifth St., Lorain
- Sat., 2/29: 4:00 p.m. - Jesus and Dr. Seuss (faith formational class for ages 3-12 and their parents)

