



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

Worship of God

March 15, 2020: Third Sunday in Lent

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Lord is with you. **And with you also.**

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Meditation of Preparation

"Sometimes the most scenic roads in life are the detours you didn't mean to take."

--Angela N. Blount, *Once Upon an Ever After*

*Hymn of Praise 12

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

ABERYSTWYTH

*Invocation

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Prayer

God, Whose Will Is Health and Wholeness[†]

BLAENWERN

God, whose will is health and whole - ness, hear your peo - ple as we pray;
 Je - sus taught that your com - mand - ments call for us to use the mind.
 God, you call for love and jus - tice, yet our laws are far from wise.
 Lov - ing God, we ask your bless - ing on the sick and those they love.

Man - y now are fac - ing ill - ness; more face sick - ness ev - 'ry day,
 May we use the gifts of sci - ence to seek health for hu - man - kind.
 Man - y don't have good in - sur - ance; lack of health - care threat - ens lives.
 And we pray for those now griev - ing as they lift their cries a - bove.

As we lift our song toward heav - en, may we use the gifts you give:
 Bless the ones who work for heal - ing; bless the ones who seek to be
 Man - y work - ers must keep work - ing; sick or not, who pay the bills.
 There is trou - ble all a - round us; ill - ness caus - es pain and fear.

Sci - ence, jus - tice and com - pas - sion, to help oth - ers safe - ly live.
 build - ers of a health care sys - tem that pro - tects so - ci - e - ty.
 Turn us round when we have sanc - tioned greed that leads to great - er ills.
 Give com - pas - sion, love, and kind - ness as we serve your peo - ple here.

Prayer of Confession

All

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.

Prayers of the People

God, whose will is health and wholeness...
Hear us as we pray.

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.

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CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Mr. Collins

*Doxology

ST. BRENDAN'S

**All praise to the Sovereign, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
This our hymn of thanksgiving, let us sing once again
This our hymn of thanksgiving, let us sing: Amen!**

The Reading

John 4:5-42

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

An Unexpected Gospel

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Now, no matter where I am / No matter what I do / I see your face appearing / Like an unexpected song / An unexpected song / That only we are hearing"

—Don Black, "Unexpected Song" in *Song and Dance*

Hymn of Communion 419 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer		Rev. Russell
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
*Hymn of Discipleship 596	<i>Wellspring of Wisdom</i>	WELLSPRING
Affirmation of Responses 341		Rev. Russell
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Mr. Collins

We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

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†Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

