

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

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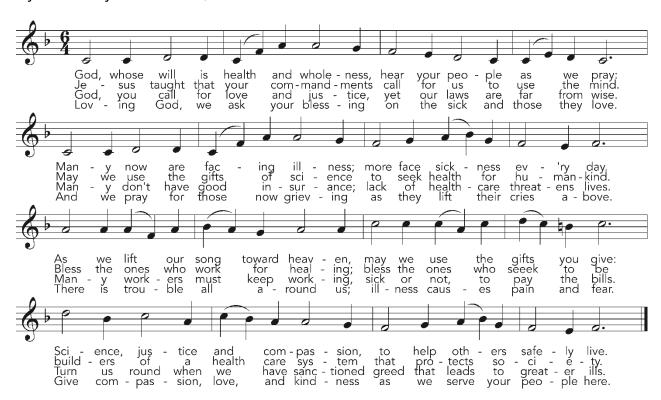
Rev. Russell

Hymn of Prayer

*Invocation

God, Whose Will Is Health and Wholeness†

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Prayer of Confession

ΑII

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

Αll

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

Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

*Hymn of Discipleship 596 Wellspring of Wisdom WELLSPRING

Affirmation of Responses 341 Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters Mr. Collins

And all the people said...

AMEN!

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

Prayer

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