



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

Worship of God

March 22, 2020: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Meditation of Preparation

"To learn to see—to accustom the eye to calmness, to patience, and to allow things to come up to it; to defer judgment, and to acquire the habit of approaching and grasping an individual case from all sides. This is the first preparatory schooling of intellectuality. One must not respond immediately to a stimulus; one must acquire a command of the obstructing and isolating instincts."

--Friedrich Nietzsche, *Twilight of the Idols*

*Hymn of Praise 293

Out of Need and Out of Custom

GATHERING

*Invocation

Mr. Gary McIntyre

Hymn of Prayer 506

Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill

HEALER

Prayer of Confession

All

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds seret, and we hoard resources while flaunting our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves as loved by you. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful and faithful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who is the light of the whole world.

Prayers of the People

Healer of our every ill...
Open our eyes that we may see.

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 593

Lead Me, Lord

LEAD ME LORD

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.		Rev. Russell
Offertory	<i>Meditation on Healer</i>	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 9:1-41 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	Rev. Russell
Sermon	Seeing Jesus	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence		
	"There are things you can't reach. But you can reach out to them, and all day long. The wind, the bird flying away. The idea of God. And it can keep you as busy as anything else, and happier. The snake slides away; the fish jumps, like a little lily, out of the water and back in; the goldfinches sing from the unreachable top of the tree. I look; morning to night I am never done with looking. Looking. I mean not just standing around, but standing around as though with your arms open." --Mary Oliver, <i>Where Does the Temple Begin, Where Does It End?</i>	
Hymn of Communion 284	<i>Gather Us In</i>	GATHER US IN
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer		Rev. Russell
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
An Exhortation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
*Hymn of Discipleship 458	<i>Ours the Journey</i>	OURS THE JOURNEY

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Andante Religioso
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Collins

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

Today's image is *Jesus cures the man born blind*. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings were selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Videos of Wednesday evening Lenten Vespers services may be viewed
online at: www.waccelyria.org/online

