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

Worship of God

Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Chiming of the Hour Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting Rev. Nathan A. Russell
The Spirit of God is with you... **And also with you!**

Call to Worship Rev. Russell
Lift up your hearts... **We lift them to the Lord.**

Prelude *Prelude in B^b Major, No. 21* Mr. Collins

Hymn 12 *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud* ABERYSTWYTH

Genesis 21:8-21 Ms. Lisa Ward
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Meditation *Stories of Lives that Matter to God* Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence
"Hagar liberates herself; she runs away. A messenger of God-of-the-Holy-Name finds Hagar in the wilderness. This messenger of God is a supernatural being. But there is more to this messenger; in [Genesis] 16:7, the messenger of God-of-the-Holy-Name functions as God in disguise, or perhaps better, God in (human) drag. 45 The holy messenger uses the first person in 16:10, speaking as God, and in 16:13 Hagar realizes that she has seen God. This is extraordinary, for Exodus 33:20 will insist that no one can see God and live; perhaps those verses ought to be translated as 'no man.'"
--Wilda C. Gafney, *Womanist Midrash*

Prayer Ms. Ward

Hymn 399 *O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near* BELMONT

Reflection: Activity, Prayer, Offering and Communion Rev. Russell

Benediction Rev. Russell

Postlude *Give Thanks* Mr. Collins