



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

## Worship of God

August 22, 2021, 9:30am: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
and the Ordination of Lisa M. Reshad

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of God is with you!  
**And also with you!**

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude

*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves, like locked rooms and like books that are now written in a very foreign tongue. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer."

--Rainer Maria Rilke

Invocation

Ms. Sharon Siffert

Hymn of Prayer

Shepherd Me, O God\*

SHEPHERD ME

1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from death in-to life.

1, 2, 3.

God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I rest in the mead-ows of  
Gent-ly you raise me and heal my wea-ry soul, you lead me by path-ways of  
Though I should wan-der the val-ley of death, I fear no e-vil, for

1, 2, 3.

faith-ful-ness and love, I walk by the qui-et wa-ters of peace.  
righ-teous-ness and truth, my spir-it shall sing the mu-sic of your name.  
you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my com-fort and my hope.

4.

You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of ha-tred,

crown-ing me with love be-yond my power to hold.

5.

Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life; I will

dwel in the house of my God for-ev-er-more.

Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from death in-to life.

Prayers of the People

Shepherd us, O God...  
Be our comfort and hope.

The Lord's Prayer 307

ALL

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory *Improvisation on Hyfrydol* Mr. Collins

Doxology 46 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above,  
ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Reading John 6:56-69 Rev. Russell  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Jesus Loves Carbs: A Difficult Teaching* Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence  
"It is hard to accept that our enemies receive the same forgiveness and grace and redemption as we do, but sometimes it's even harder to accept not just that God welcomes all, but that God welcomes ALL of me and ALL of you. Even that within us which we wish to hide: the part that cursed at our children this week, or drank alone, or has a problem with lying, or hates our body; the part within us that suffer from depression and can't admit it, or is too fearful to give our money away, or is riddled with shame over our sexuality or cheats on our taxes. ALL the parts of us we wish Jesus had the good sense to not welcome to his table are invited to taste and see that the Lord is Good. ALL of who we are is welcomed to his table to see that the gifts of God are free and for all and for ALL. This teaching is HARD. Who can accept it?"

--Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, *This Teaching is Hard*

The Regional Commission on the Ministry Christian Church in Ohio Rev. Cynthia Klingemier

The Promises of the Candidate for Ordination Rev. Allen V. Harris and Ms. Lisa M. Reshad

The Promises of the People  
Rev. Harris: You have heard the promises of our sister. Will you as members of God's Church affirm this call and accept Lisa as an ordained minister of the Gospel?

**ALL: Lisa, we accept you as one called to public leadership in the Church and affirm the decision that you be ordained. We pledge our love and offer our prayers that together we may glorify God and make Christ known in the world.**

The Ordaining Action, Laying on of Hands, and the Ordination Prayer Rev. Harris

Greetings and Blessings  
Rev. Harris: Rise, Lisa, to the ministry which God gives you and receive the acclamation of the people.

**ALL: By the Spirit of God, you are worthy of the ministry of Christ.**

Presentation of the Signs of Office

Hymn of Communion 429 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* FINEST WHEAT

Invitation to Commune Rev. Lisa M. Reshad

Prayer at the Table Ms. Sandy Rieth

Words of Institution Rev. Reshad

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell



Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!  
 to be hope for the hope - less so all ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more! We are  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!



called to act with just - ice, we are called to love ten - der - ly, we are called to



serve one an - oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God!

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Reshad

Postlude

*Dismissal on Mission*  
 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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Flowers in the chancel are in honor of Rev. Lisa M. Reshad in celebration of her ordination into Christian ministry.

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

- Today, 8/22: 6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 8/23: 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 8/24: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*
- 6:30pm - Christian Education Committee meeting
- Wed., 8/25: 7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative
- Thur., 8/26: 10am - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)\*\*

\*First-timers may register at [waccelyria.org](http://waccelyria.org) for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.

\*\*Contact the church office for registration information for this bi-weekly, online chat.

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: [waccelyria.org/pray](http://waccelyria.org/pray)Contributions may be submitted to the church office or online at: [waccelyria.org/give](http://waccelyria.org/give)

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