



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

Worship of God

February 27, 2022, 9:30am: Week of Compassion and Transfiguration Sunday

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

Hymn of Compassion



Here, O God, your peo - ple gath - er to bring praise and of - fer - ings, For Your love has
From our door - steps are dis - as - ters add - ing to your child - ren's strife Earth - quakes, fires, tor -
All a - round the globe are peo - ple seek - ing com - fort, ba - sic needs: Wa - ter, shelt - er,
Spark our em - pa - thy and mis - sion, yes this week and ev - ery day Work - ing toward de -



rec - on - ciled us, such an awe - some, won - drous thing. Your com - pas - sion, fierce and rest - less,
na - dos, weath - er hin - der joy and threat - en life. Your com - pas - sion, fierce and rest - less,
food, and cloth - ing for these things we in - ter - cede. Your com - pas - sion, fierce and rest - less,
vel - op - ment, re - lief, and peace so all may say Your com - pas - sion, fierce and rest - less,



sends us out that we may be Your good news at ev - ery cor - ner, part of your great tap - es - try.
sends us out that we may be Your re - lief at ev - ery cor - ner, help - ing hands in min - is - try.
sends us out that we may be Your sup - ply at ev - ery cor - ner, so that all know lib - er - ty.
sends us out that we may be Your great love at ev - ery cor - ner, serv - ing all with dig - ni - ty.

Prelude

Retrospection

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

“Probably the best thing we can do is to relax, take a deep breath, stop thinking about what we want or need, and forget about it. Seeking God, that is. Instead we might wait, and begin to silently ponder the ways in which God may already have been seeking us, all along, in the faulty, scary stuff of our ordinary lives.”

--Kathleen Norris, *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*

Hymn of Praise

*Hymn of Compassion*¹

HYMN TO JOY

Invocation

Dr. Chad Vickers

Hymn of Prayer

*With Gifts That Differ by Your Grace*²

GIFTS



With gifts that dif - fer by your grace your Spir - it fits us all, that
And yet, be - cause our faith is frail, we bur - y gifts you give. A -
Come, Spir - it, build your church a - new, that all may go their part, to -



Chris - tians in each time and place may an - swer when you call. You strength - en some to take a stand, to
fraid to risk, a - fraid to fail, we are not free to live. At time we use your sa - cred gifts for
geth - er find - ing life in you, di - verse, yet one in heart. So may your peo - ple seek your will, trans -



proph - e - sy or preach, while oth - ers give with o - pen hand, or heal the sick or teach.
on - ly self - ish ends. Our pur - pose fades, our fo - cus shifts, and con - flict soon at - tends.
formed in all our ways. We of - fer bod - y, mind, and skill, a sac - ri - fice of praise.

Prayers of the People

God of fierce compassion...

Transform all our ways.

The Lord's Prayer 307

MALOTTE

Our Father, which 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.

Invitation to Stewardship

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Take My Gifts

Mr. Collins

Doxology

*Doxology*¹

OURS THE JOURNEY

Take, O God, the gifts we offer, use them for your reign to bring justice that will flow like fountains, life from your abundant spring. God, you are our holy parent, and we sing our thanks to you. Let us see your future dawning, your world made anew.

The Reading

Luke 9:28-36

Rev. Courtney Richards

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Love (Transfigures and) Remains

Rev. Richards

Discipline of Silence

"Stands on the Rock (Peter) and the others were deep asleep, but they woke up and shook the sleep from their eyes. They saw Creator Sets Free (Jesus) with his face and clothes shining.... Stands on the Rock (Peter) spoke without thinking. 'Wisdomkeeper!' he said. 'This is a good place to stay.' ... After this they kept silent and told no one at that time what they had seen."

--Luke 9:32-33, 36, *First Nations Version*

Hymn of Communion 381

TALAVERA TERRACE

Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Richards

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Rev. Richards

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 459

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Richards

Postlude

Mr. Collins

And all the people said...

AMEN!

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

Today's artwork is *Transfiguration* (1973). JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

¹Words by Nathan A. Russell

²Words by Ruth Duck

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 2/27: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary
11am - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the music room
- *Two Or More* scripture discussion group in the Gibbens room
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 2/28: 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 3/1: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
- Wed., 3/2: 7pm - District 2A Disciples Ash Wednesday Worship Service at North Eaton Christian Church (35895 Royalton Rd., Eaton Twp.)

*First-timers may register at waccelyria.org for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.



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