



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

Worship of God

February 19, 2023, 9:30am: Transfiguration Sunday

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Mr. Evan Collins

Call to Worship

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

Mr. Collins

Prelude

Élévation

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

“When you become the image of your own imagination, it's the most powerful thing you could ever do.”

–RuPaul

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

Invocation

Ms. Karen McCall

Hymn of Prayer

Eternal God Transcending Time

FLIGHT OF THE EARLS

E - ter - nal God tran - scend - ing time, yet mind - ful of the fears, the hopes, the ques - tions
 In - car - nate God re - vealed in time, true Word in flesh re - told, who marked the years from
 Life - breath - ing God en - liv - 'ning time, a - wak - ing heart and tongue, in - spir - ing proph - ets
 Great Tri - une God, so bless the time en - trust - ed to our care, that all our var - ied

raised for us by ev - er - chang - ing years: so guide us through our pil - grim days that
 birth to death, then rose to break death's hold: by your be - com - ing one with us, help
 bring - ing hope, con - sol - ing old and young: draw us to those de - nied your gifts by
 min - is - tries may form a com - mon prayer; then, when time ceas - es, bring us where di -

we may find a home where jus - tice, truth, and mer - cy meet, ful - filled in your sha - lom.
 us to know and claim the u - ni - ty of all bap - tized in your re - deem - ing name.
 bi - as, want, or strife con - vert our wills and form through us new chan - nels of your life.
 vi - sions are un - done, that in your pres - ence, joined in praise, at last we may be one.

Prayers of the People

Eternal God transcending time...

Let justice, truth, and mercy meet.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Sung Response 182

Transform Us

PICARDY

Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height. Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light. Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.

Invitation to Stewardship

Ms. Kimberly Wilhelm

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

Offertory

Open Our Eyes Lord and Be Thou My Vision

Mr. Collins

Doxology 49

From All that Dwell Below the Skies LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Mr. Collins

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Transitioning

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"How does one get across the fact that the best way to find out how people feel about their gender or their sexuality—or anything else, really—is to listen to what they tell you, and to try to treat them accordingly, without shellacking over their version of reality with yours?"

—Maggie Nelson, *The Argonauts*

Hymn of Communion 403

In Remembrance of Me

RED

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Restless Weaver

JEFFERSON

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

O God beyond All Praising
And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Mr. Collins



Rest - less Weav - er, ev - er spin - ning threads of jus - tice and sha - lom;
 Where earth's frag - ile web is rav - 'ling help us mend each bro - ken strand.
 When our vio - lent lust for pow - er ends in lives a - bused and torn,
 Rest - less Weav - er, still con - ceiv - ing new life - now and yet to be -



dream - ing pat - terns of cre - a - tion where all crea - tures find a home;
 Bless our ur - gent, bold en - deav - ors cleans - ing wa - ter, air, and land.
 from com - pas - sion's stur - dy fab - ric fash - ion hope and trust re - born.
 bind - ing all your vast cre - a - tion in one liv - ing tap - es - try:



gath - 'ring up life's var - ied fi - bers - ev - ery tex - ture ev - ery hue:
 Through the Spir - it's in - spi - ra - tion of - f'ring health where once was pain -
 Where in - jus - tice rules as ty - rant, give us cour - age, God, to dare
 you have called us to be weav - ers. Let your love guide all we do.



grant us your cre - a - tive vi - sion. With us weave your world a - new.
 strength - en us to be the stew - ards of your world knit whole a - gain.
 live our dreams of trans - for - ma - tion. Make our lives in - car - nate prayer.
 With your reign of peace our pat - tern, we will weave your world a - new.

¹Lyrics by Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1999

²Lyrics by O. I. Cricket Harrison, 1995

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, February 19: 11:00am Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group in the Gibbens' Room
6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship
- Monday, February 20 2:00pm: Clergy Renewal Grant Committee Meeting
7:00pm: Children: Worship & Wonder online
- Tuesday, February 21 7:30am: Upper Room Devotional gathering via Zoom
5:00pm: Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00pm: Joanna Circle via Zoom
7:00pm: WACC at Elyria City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, February 22 7:00pm: Ash Wednesday service at Christian Temple in Lorain
- Thursday, February 23 10:00am: Social Hour via Zoom



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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