

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

Worship of God

August 27, 2023, 9:30am: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

Greeting

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

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

Glennis Covault

Call to Worship

Nathan Russell

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sol Rizzato & JoEllen West

Meditation for Preparation

"We must go beyond 'aid' or 'charity' and demand justice that will bring peace. Many people falter at this point." —Dom Helder Camara, *Essential Writings* Hymn of Praise



Invocation

Hymn of Prayer 656

God of Freedom, God of Justice

Prayers of the People

God of freedom and justice... Touch our world of sad oppression.

The Lord's Prayer 307

MALOTTE Our Mother/Father/Parent, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin*dom 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 kin*dom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen. AMEN.

Invitation to Stewardship Nancy Walker Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Sol Rizzato & JoEllen West Offertory Take, O God, the Gifts We Offer² OURS THE JOURNEY Doxology 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 Romans 12:9-21 Nathan A. Russell For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.

Megan Rowe

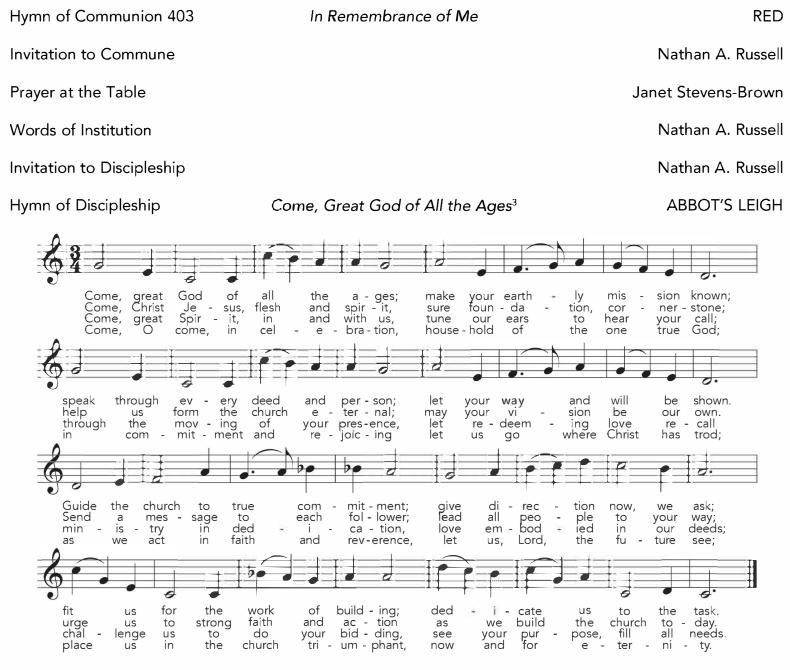
TREDEGAR

Discipline of Silence

Sermon

"Charity is episodic and often driven by disaster. What is needed are structures of justice that perpetuate the goodwill intended in charity. Justice allows charity to live beyond crisis. Justice is what love sounds like when it speaks in public."

-Michael Eric Dyson, Come Hell or High Water



Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Jupiter (The Planets) And all the people said... AMEN!

Sol Rizzato & JoEllen West

^{1, 2}Lyrics by Nathan A. Russell, 2023, 2021.

OUTREACH FAIR PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY FELLOWS is a thriving spiritual community of support, inspiration, and renewal for young clergy serving congregations and local communities of faith.

BLESSING HOUSE serves as a safety net for families in crisis by providing a safe shelter for children and support for their family.

BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL educates and inspires people to serve God's diverse world as leaders in churches, the academy, and public life.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH in OHIO/CAMP CHRISTIAN is our regional ministry and camp with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME exists to be a haven of hope and healing for children, youth, and families struggling with mental illness, abuse, and neglect.

ELYRIA ARTS COUNCIL is a gallery and community devoted to making "Art Happen" in Elyria. We strive to better our community through art, starting with the colorful murals on our building that were painted by our member artists.

ELYRIA HOSPITALITY CENTER serves people in our community who are struggling financially in a way that preserves their dignity.

GENESIS HOUSE provides a comprehensive range of family-focused services for Lorain County victims of domestic violence.

GOOD KNIGHTS provides complete, comfortable, and safe beds to children in need in Lorain County, Ohio.

GREATER CLEVELAND CONGREGATIONS unites people across lines of race, class, religion, and geography to promote public, private and civic sector actions which strengthen and improve the quality of life of our neighborhoods.

GREEN CHALICE's (WACC's Creation Care Team) mission is to connect Christian faith, spiritual practice and creation consciousness in order to demonstrate the fullness of God's shalom.

LORAIN COUNTY FREE CLINIC builds healthy communities for all through quality, equitable, accessible healthcare.

PATHYWAYS COUNSELING & GROWTH CENTER provides opportunities for individual, couple and family group counseling, education and consultation.

VOICE FOR CHILDREN provides trained volunteers, Court Appointed Special Advocates, to abused and neglected children in Lorain County, who advocate in court to ensure each child a safe and permanent home.

WE CARE WE SHARE MINISTRIES shares resources, builds community partnerships and provides programs and services that educate, empower, and enhance the quality of life for families in our local & surrounding communities.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 27
11:00am:
Outreach Fair (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, August 29
7:30am
Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)

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