



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

Worship of God

September 1, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Music

Inveni David

Trombone Quartet

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Lord is with you. **And with you also.**

We pass the friendship register as a way of welcoming one another to this time of sacred worship.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Prelude

Andante from Three Equali

Trombone Quartet

Meditation of Preparation

"He drew a circle that shut me out — Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout. / But Love and I had the wit to win: We drew a circle that took him in!"

--Edwin Markham, *Outwitted*, 19th & 20th-century Disciples poet

*Hymn of Praise 284

Gather Us In

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*Invocation

Ms. Lisa Ward

Hymn of Prayer 457

Colorful Creator

HOUGHTON

Prayers of the People

Colorful Creator...
Open us to your presence.

The Lord's Prayer

All

**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.**

Congregational Response 312

AMEN

Amen

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Ward

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

Offertory

Ain'a That Good News

Trombone Quartet

*Doxology

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

MARION

Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore. Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

(Children age three through fifth grade depart for Children: Worship & Wonder.)

The Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more."

--Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday*

Hymn of Communion

Christ, You Often Sat at Dinner[†]

PROMISE



Christ, you oft - en sat at din - ner with the out - casts and the poor;
Some who heard your gra - cious teach - ing mur - mured at the things they saw,
Lord, you blessed a meal and shared it, giv - ing mean - ings that were new:
Christ, we know that you are a - ble to bring heal - ing through your cross;



You reached out to ev - 'ry sin - ner shar - ing bread and wine and more;
For your love was more out - reach - ing than the cir - cle of their draw.
"It's my bo - dy; take and eat it! It's my blood poured out for you!"
Bring to - geth - er at your ta - ble all the last, the least, the lost.



You pro - claimed that God's great ta - ble is a joy - ful, wel - come place;
When they judged the ones you wel - comed, when they not - ed oth - ers' sin,
Ris - en Christ, they knew your pres - ence in the break - ing of the bread;
Though the feast - ing in your kin - dom may still seem so far a - way,



No one wears an out - cast la - bel or is turned a - way from grace.
You re - spond - ed, "In God's kin - dom, all are glad - ly wel - comed in!"
In that meal was God's a - bun - dance: All re - mem - bered! All were fed!
May we share your meal of wel - come as we wait that glor - ious day.

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer Ms. Barbara Terrell

The Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Please come forward to share in Communion. Partake by breaking off a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. (The bread is gluten-free.) If you are unable to come forward, someone will come to you.

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

*Hymn of Discipleship 683 *O for a World* AZMON

Affirmation of Responses 341 Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude *Sonata* Trombone Quartet & Mr. Collins
And all the people said...
AMEN!

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

*The people may rise in body and spirit as able.

†Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, adapted.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 9/1: 10:30 a.m. - Special, Called Board meeting in the youth rooms
Mon., 9/2: Labor Day observed (church office closed)
Wed., 9/4: 5:30 p.m. - Weekly youth group (grades 6-12) supper gathering
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Today's image is *The Last Supper* by Vladimir Zunuzin.

The Trombone Quartet consists of Jim Berlyoung, Dale Hildebrand,
Mark Wainwright, and Dave Weaver.

Flowers in the chancel today are in memory of Larry McIntyre on the
one-year anniversary of his death, with love from Betty, Gary, and Carol.
The second arrangement is in celebration of Shirley Shubert embarking on
a new chapter in her life, with much love from her family.

