



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

## Worship of God

June 28, 2020, 9:30 a.m.: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Prelude

*Out of the Depths*

WACC Orchestra

## Meditation for Preparation

"Perhaps our synagogues, our temples, and our churches...are not as welcoming as they should be. I really think that we do need for these fellowships to do a great deal more to have those who are lonely come and share. Not in an aggressive way, or in order, as it were, to increase their records or their ranks, but really just keenly interested in one person who comes and gets what they did not have before--warmth and fellowship."

--Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Hymn of Praise

*All Are Welcome*

TWO OAKS

Invocation

Mr. Don Hange, Jr.

Hymn of Prayer 487

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

ACCEPTANCE

Prayers of the People

God of unconditional welcome...

**Help us accept each other.**

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 317

*Amen*

AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

*O God, Beyond All Praising*

WACC Orchestra

Doxology 50

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*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Reading

Matthew 10:40-42  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God.**

Rev. Russell

Sermon

Welcome and Wanted

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"I sat on the couch and glanced slowly around in a goofy, menacing way, and then said, 'Is anyone here wearing a blue sweatshirt with Pokémon on it?' The four-year-old looked down at his chest, astonished to discover that he matched this description—like, What are the odds? He raised his hand. 'Come over here to the couch,' I said. 'You are so loved, and so chosen.' He clutched at himself like a beauty pageant finalist. Then I asked if anyone that day was wearing green socks with brown shoes, a Giants cap, an argyle vest? Each of them turned out to be loved and chosen, which does not happen so often. Even Neshama—Anyone in red shoes today?—leapt toward the couch with relief... This is a good exercise because in truth, everyone is loved and chosen."

--Anne Lamott, *Grace Eventually*

Hymn of Communion 485 *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*

TALLIS' CANON

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer

Ms. Polly Simmons

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 683

*O for a World*

AZMON

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*  
And all the people said...  
**AMEN!**

Mr. Collins

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

Today's image is *Jesus Welcomes All*, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57406> [retrieved June 26, 2020]. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/amyashcraft/13885591354/> - Amy the Nurse.

Today's floral arrangement is in honor of the 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (June 14) of Bonnie & Dennis Jackson.

### OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 6/28: 9:30 a.m. - Online, #VirtualWorship premiere\*  
Mon., 6/29: 7:00 p.m. - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere\*\*  
Tue., 6/30: 7:45 a.m. - Devotional gathering with *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*\*\*  
5:00 p.m. - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom)  
Wed., 7/1: 7:00 p.m. - Online, #VirtualWorship vespers premiere\*  
Thu., 7/2: Office Administrator away  
10:00 a.m. - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)\*\*\*\*  
Fri., 7/3: Church office closed (observance of July 4 holiday)

\*All Sunday morning worship services (9:30 a.m.) and Wednesday vespers (7 p.m.) may be experienced online at: [waccelyria.org/online](http://waccelyria.org/online)

All services remain online on our [YouTube channel](#) for your viewing convenience.

\*\*All Monday (7 p.m.) *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premieres may be experienced online at: [waccelyria.org/childrenscorner](http://waccelyria.org/childrenscorner)

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\*\*\*Register here (at least 24 hours in advance) for our Tuesday, 7:45 a.m. devotional time (on Zoom) at: [waccelyria.org/upperroom](http://waccelyria.org/upperroom)

\*\*\*\*Contact the church office to obtain the log-in information for this event.

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)

