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

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Worship of God

Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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Chiming of the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

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

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Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

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Prelude

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Mr. Collins

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Hymn 510

Out of the Depths

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Psalms 13

Mayor Frank Whitfield

For poetry that points to truth beyond words...

Thanks be to God!

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Meditation

How Long?

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Is there no context for our lives? No song, no literature, no poem full of vitamins, no history connected to experience that you can pass along to help us start strong? You are an adult. The old one, the wise one. Stop thinking about saving your face. Think of our lives and tell us your particularized world. Make up a story. Narrative is radical, creating us at the very moment it is being created. We will not blame you if your reach exceeds your grasp; if love so ignites your words they go down in flames and nothing is left but their scald. Or if, with the reticence of a surgeon's hands, your words suture only the places where blood might flow. We know you can never do it properly - once and for all. Passion is never enough; neither is skill. But try."

--Toni Morrison, *The Nobel Lecture In Literature, 1993*

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Prayer

Ms. Debbie Walker

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Hymn 512

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When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love

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Reflection: Activity, Prayer, Offering and Communion

Rev. Russell

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Benediction

Rev. Russell

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Postlude

O Christ, the Healer

Mr. Collins

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