



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

## Worship of God

July 12, 2020, 9:30 a.m.: The Sixth 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

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"That's all anybody can do right now. Live. Hold out. Survive. I don't know whether good times are coming back again. But I know that won't matter if we don't survive these times."  
--Octavia E. Butler, *Parable of the Sower*

Hymn of Praise 517

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

Invocation

Ms. Aliyah Robinson

Hymn of Prayer 638

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

Prayers of the People

God who extravagantly sows seeds...  
**Help us to do the same.**

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 306

*Hear Our Prayer*

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Mr. Collins

Doxology 528

*Give Thanks*

GIVE THANKS

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's son.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

The Reading

Matthew 13:1-23

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A Sower Went out to Sow

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"At first people refuse to believe that a strange new thing can be done, then they begin to hope it can be done, then they see it can be done--then it is done and all the world wonders why it was not done centuries ago."

--Frances Hodgson Burnett, *The Secret Garden*

Hymn of Communion 395

*Seed, Scattered and Sown*

SEED SCATTERED

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer

Mr. Bob Maxwell

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 695

*God of the Fertile Fields*

ITALIAN HYMN

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Colorful Creator*  
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 *The Sower*, by Vincent Van Gogh

Today's floral arrangement is in memory of Gladys & Harold Clark, in honor of their 7/16/1921 wedding anniversary and provided in perpetuity by their son, Edward.

### **OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Today, 7/12: 9:30 a.m. - Online, #VirtualWorship premiere\*  
Virtual, online Chi Ro Camp begins (ends 7/18)  
Mon., 7/13: 7:00 p.m. - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere\*\*  
Tue., 7/14: 7:45 a.m. - Devotional gathering with *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*\*\*  
Wed., 7/15: 7:00 p.m. - Online, #VirtualWorship vespers premiere\*  
Thu., 7/16: 10:00 a.m. - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)\*\*\*\*

\*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)  
All *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* remain online on our [YouTube channel](#) for your viewing convenience.

\*\*\*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 for the log-in information for this online gathering.

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)

