

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

Worship of God

July 26, 2020, 9:30 a.m.: The Eighth 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!

Prelude

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

Meditation for Preparation

Prelude in G Major, Op. 37

Mr. Collins

"In the mundane tasks of living / In the pouring out and giving / In the waking up and trying In the laying down and dying / That's a little stone that's a little mortar / That's a little seed that's a little water / In the hearts of the sons and the daughters / The kingdom's coming."

--Sara Groves, Kingdom Comes

Hymn of Praise

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared

Invocation

Mr. Connor Sweeten

Hymn of Prayer 354

Seek Ye First

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Prayers of the People

As we seek first your kingdom, O God...

May your reign come upon earth.

The Lord's Prayer

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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

To God Alone Be the Highest Glory (Chorale)

Mr. Collins

Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring Doxology 379 Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay, Transform them into blessings on those we serve today. Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill The ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.

Rev. Russell The Reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.

Discipline of Silence "Thirty years ago my older brother, who was ten years old at the time, was trying to get a report written on birds that he'd had three months to write, which was due the next day. We were out at our family cabin in Bolinas, and he was at the kitchen table

One Step Toward the Kingdom

close to tears, surrounded by binder paper and pencils and unopened books about birds, immobilized by the hugeness of the task ahead. Then my father sat down beside him put his arm around my brother's shoulder, and said, "Bird by bird, buddy.

Just take it bird by bird."

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Hymn of Communion

Postlude

Sermon

--Anne Lamott, Bird by Bird

ELLACOMBE

Rev. Russell

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Rev. Russell

Mr. Collins

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

For Everyone Born

Prayer Rev. Lisa Reshad

Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 700 O Day of God, Draw Nigh ST. MICHAEL

> Prelude No. 1 from Clavier-Übung And all the people said...

> > AMEN!

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

Today's artwork is *Parable of the Mustard Seed*, a painted window at the YMCA training center for German leadership in Kassel.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 7/26: 9:30 a.m. - Online, #VirtualWorship premiere*

Virtual, online Advance Conference begins (ends 8/2)

Mon., 7/27: 7:00 p.m. - Online Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart premiere**

7:00 p.m. - Property Committee meeting (on Zoom)

Tue., 7/28: 7:45 a.m. - Devotional gathering with *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*** Wed., 7/29: 7:00 p.m. - Online, #VirtualWorship "The Alternative" premiere*

Thu., 7/30: 10:00 a.m. - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom; contact the church office for

log-in information)

*All Sunday morning worship services (9:30 a.m.) and Wednesday vespers (7 p.m.) may be experienced online at: <u>waccelyria.org/online</u>

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: <u>waccelyria.org/childrenscorner</u>

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

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: waccelyria.org/pray

Contributions may be submitted to the church office or online at: waccelyria.org/give