



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

Worship of God

August 9, 2020, 9:30 a.m.: The Tenth 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	Lift up your hearts... We lift them to the Lord!	Rev. Russell
Prelude	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	Mr. Collins
Meditation for Preparation	"The sea is a desert of waves, a wilderness of water."	--Langston Hughes
Hymn of Praise	<i>In Unity We Lift Our Song</i>	EIN' FESTE BURG
Invocation		Mr. Mark Wainwright
Hymn of Prayer	<i>The Lone, Wild Bird</i>	PROSPECT
Prayers of the People	We rest in you, Great Spirit... Come and rest in us, too.	
The Lord's Prayer	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.	All
Congregational Response 306	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	HEAR OUR PRAYER
Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.	Rev. Russell
Offertory	<i>Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i>	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 14:22-33

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Stay in the Boat

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"But grief still has to be worked through. It is like walking through water. Sometimes there are little waves lapping about my feet. Sometimes there is an enormous breaker that knocks me down. Sometimes there is a sudden and fierce squall. But I know that many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it."

--Madeleine L'Engle, *Two-Part Invention: The Story of a Marriage*

Hymn of Communion 452

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer

Ms. Megan Rowe

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 618

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Collins

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

The Chinese-born artist James He Qi's *Peace, Be Still* (1998) depicts Christ stilling the waters in bold colors that recall stained-glass windows. He blends Chinese folk customs and modern western art.
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OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 8/9: 9:30 a.m. - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 8/10: 7:00 p.m. - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 8/11: 7:45 a.m. - Zoom Devotional gathering of *The Upper Room****
Wed., 8/12: 7:00 p.m. - "The Alternative"*
Thu., 8/13: 10:00 a.m. - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)****

*Sunday and Wednesday opportunities for worship premiere at their respective times on our website and YouTube channel. See: waccelyria.org/online Past services are available on our website and [YouTube channel](#).

***Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premieres online at: waccelyria.org/childrenscorner. Past episodes are available on our [YouTube channel](#).

***Register at waccelyria.org/upperroom for our Tuesday, 7:45 a.m. Zoom devotional gathering.

****Contact the church office to obtain log-information for this informal chat.

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