



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

Worship of God

August 23, 2020, 9:30 a.m.: The Twelfth 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

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Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Within the whole family of God on earth, the church appears wherever believers in Jesus the Christ are gathered in his name. Transcending all barriers within the human family, the one church manifests itself in ordered communities bound together for worship, fellowship, and service; in varied structures for mission, witness, and mutual accountability; and for the nurture and renewal of its members. The nature of the church, given by Christ, remains constant through the generations, yet in faithfulness to its nature, it continues to discern God's vision and to adapt its mission and structures to the needs of a changing world. All dominion in the church belongs to Jesus, its Lord and head, and any exercise of authority in the church on earth stands under his judgment."

--*The Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

Hymn of Praise

Sing a New World into Being

BEACH SPRING

Invocation

Ms. Kathy Wainwright

Hymn of Prayer

There's a Church within Us

THE CHURCH WITHIN US

Prayers of the People

God who listens...
Hear the prayers within us, O Lord.

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 593

Lead Me, Lord

LEAD ME LORD

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i>	Mr. Collins
Doxology 715	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	NUN DANKET
	All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother, to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.	
The Reading	Matthew 16:13-20 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	Rev. Russell
Sermon	Pivoting Toward the Future	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence	"God wills that we take ourselves with great strength to the faith of the Church and find there our most precious comfort and true understanding with the whole communion of blessed ones. For a person can frequently be broken, but the whole body of the Church was never broken and never shall be, without end. Therefore it is a sure thing, a good thing, and a gracious thing to will meekly and powerfully to be fastened and joined to the Church - that is Christ Jesus." --Julian of Norwich, <i>Revelations of Divine Love</i>	
Hymn of Communion 273	<i>Built on the Rock</i>	KIRKEN DEN ER ET
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer		Ms. Jen Sweeten
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 272	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	AURELIA
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>From Doorsteps to Earth's Corners</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Mr. Collins
We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth		

This week's artwork is *Church on the Rock* by Errol McKinson.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 8/23: 9:30 a.m. - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 8/24: 7:00 p.m. - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
- Property Committee meeting (on Zoom)
Tue., 8/25: 7:45 a.m. - Zoom Devotional gathering of *The Upper Room****
Wed., 8/26: 7:00 p.m. - "The Alternative"*
Thu., 8/27: 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 for log-on information for this online event

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

