



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

## Worship of God

August 30, 2020, 9:30 a.m.: The Thirteenth 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

*O God, Hear My Sigh*

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"God is an infinite fire of love."

--St. John of the Cross

Hymn of Praise 236

*Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

ABERYSTWYTH

Invocation

Dr. Chad Vickers

Hymn of Prayer 254

*Breathe on Us, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

Prayers of the People

Breathe on us, Breath of God...  
**And let us glow with your divine fire.**

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 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

*Improvisation on Hyfrydol*

Mr. Collins

Doxology 50

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Reading	Exodus 3:1-15	Rev. Russell
	For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...	
	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	

Sermon	On Fire, But Not Consumed	Rev. Russell
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Discipline of Silence

"After the one extravagant gesture of creation in the first place, the universe has continued to deal exclusively in extravagances, flinging intricacies and colossi down aeons of emptiness, heaping profusions on profligacies with ever-fresh vigor. The whole show has been on fire from the word go. I come down to the water to cool my eyes. But everywhere I look I see fire; that which isn't flint is tinder, and the whole world sparks and flames."

--Annie Dillard, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*

Hymn of Communion	<i>As a Fire Is Meant for Burning</i>	HYFRYDOL
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Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
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Elder's Prayer		Ms. Barbara Terrell
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Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
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Hymn of Discipleship 633	<i>Lead On, O Cloud of Presence</i>	LANCASHIRE
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Affirmation of Responses 341		Rev. Russell
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Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
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Postlude	<i>Tocatta Terza</i>	Mr. Collins
	And all the people said...	
	<b>AMEN!</b>	

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

This week's artwork is *Moses and the Burning Bush*; Keith Haring, 1985. This painting is part of the collection at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas. Keith Haring died of AIDS-related complications at the age of 31 on February 16, 1990. A memorial service was held on May 4, 1990, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, with over 1,000 people in attendance. Keith Haring said, "I don't think art is propaganda; it should be something that liberates the soul, provokes the imagination and encourages people to go further. It celebrates humanity instead of manipulating it." Haring's painting of *Moses and the Burning Bush* succeeds his definition of art.

### OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 8/30: 9:30 a.m. - Energetic, Liturgical Worship\*
- Mon., 8/31: Pastor Nathan on vacation through 9/5; please contact *ONLY* the church office for all pastoral needs
- 8:00 a.m. - Paint party in Fellowship Hall (face masks/physical distancing required)
- 7:00 p.m. - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere\*\*
- Tue., 9/1: 7:45 a.m. - Zoom Devotional gathering of *The Upper Room*\*\*\*
- Wed., 9/2: 7:00 p.m. - "The Alternative"\*
- Thu., 9/3: 11:00 a.m. - Unveiling of Ohio Historical Marker (face masks/physical distancing required)

Today's flowers are in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (8/30) of Diana & Tim Tyler.

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

\*\*\*Register at [waccelyria.org/upperroom](http://waccelyria.org/upperroom) for our Tuesday, 7:45 a.m. Zoom devotional 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)

