



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

Worship of God

September 13, 2020, 9:30 a.m.: The Fifteenth 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

Prelude No. 1

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"The more I know, the less I understand
All the things I thought I figured out, I have to learn again
I've been tryin' to get down to the Heart of the Matter
But everything changes
And my friends seem to scatter
But I think it's about forgiveness
Forgiveness
Even if, even if you don't love me anymore."

--The Eagles, *Heart of the Matter*

Hymn of Praise

God, How Can We Forgive

LEONI

Invocation

Ms. Sandy Woosley

Hymn of Prayer

Heal Us, Hands of Jesus

SOUTHWELL

Prayers of the People

Heal us, hands of Jesus...
And restore our hope.

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

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Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory *Flutes* 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 18:15-35* Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Maybe* Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Unfortunately, change and forgiveness do not come easily for me, but any willingness to let go inevitably comes from pain; and the desire to change changes you, and jiggles the spirit, gets to it somehow, to the deepest, hardest, most ruined parts. And then Spirit expands, because that is its nature, and it drags along the body, and finally, the mind."

--Anne Lamott, *Plan B; Further Thoughts on Faith*

Hymn of Communion 408 *Come, Share the Lord* DIVERNON

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer Ms. Nancy Walker

Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship *God, Whose Grace Redeems Our Story* BEACH SPRING

Pastoral Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude *Pastoral Song* Mr. Collins

And all the people said...

AMEN!

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

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OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 9/13: 9:30 a.m. - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 9/14: 7:00 p.m. - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 9/15: 7:45 a.m. - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)***
Wed., 9/16: 7:00 p.m. - theAlternative*

*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](#).

***First-timers will want to register at waccelyria.org for these online, weekly devotional gatherings

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

