



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

Worship of God

October 4, 2020, 9:30am: The Eighteenth 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

For the Beauty of the Earth

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Faith is a place of mystery, where we find the courage to believe in what we cannot see and the strength to let go of our fear of uncertainty."

Brené Brown, *The Gifts of Imperfection*

Hymn of Praise

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

Invocation

Mr. Marty Rowe

Hymn of Prayer

Grace Alone

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Prayers of the People

Supply us with grace, O God,
And help us go forth in grace alone.

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 312

Amen

AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Mr. Collins

Doxology

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

MARION

**Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore.
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

The Reading	Matthew 21:33-46 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	Rev. Russell
Sermon	A Problematic Parable	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence	<p>"The parables, if we take them seriously not as answers but as invitations, can continue to inform our lives, even as our lives continue to open up the parables to new readings." --Amy-Jill Levine, <i>Short Stories by Jesus</i></p>	
Hymn of Communion	<i>Living Stones</i>	ABBOT'S LEIGH
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Elder's Prayer		Ms. Carol McIntyre
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 272	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	AURELIA
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<p><i>In the Crossroads of This Moment</i> And all the people said... AMEN!</p>	Mr. Collins

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

This week's artwork is *The Risen Christ* by He Qi. www.heqiart.com

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 10/4: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 10/5: 7pm - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 10/6: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)***
Wed., 10/7: 7pm - theAlternative*
Thu., 10/8: 10am - 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](#).

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

****Contact the church office for log-in information for this bi-weekly, all-church 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

