



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

Worship of God

October 25, 2020, 9:30am: The Twenty-first 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

Prospect

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"I feel our nation's turning away from love...moving into a wilderness of spirit so intense we may never find our way home again. I write of love to bear witness both to the danger in this movement, and to call for a return to love. Redeemed and restored, love returns us to the promise of everlasting life. When we love we can let our hearts speak."

--bell hooks, *All About Love: New Visions*

Hymn of Praise

In Unity We Lift Our Song

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Invocation

Ms. Bonnie Jackson

Hymn of Prayer

GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Love the Lord Your God

Prayers of the People

God, who is love...

Help us to love with all that we are.

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

God Is Here

Mr. Collins

Doxology 50

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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

Matthew 22:34-46

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

An Invitation to Love

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"To truly love we must learn to mix various ingredients - care, affection, recognition, respect, commitment, and trust, as well as honest and open communication."

--bell hooks, *All About Love: New Visions*

Hymn of Communion 330

Alleluia! Hear God's Story

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Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Ms. Megan Rowe

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 688 *When, In Awe of God's Creation*

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Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Colorful Creator
And all the people said...

Mr. Collins

AMEN!

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

Today's artwork is *History of Our Community*. During the summer of 2003, in collaboration with the Frist Center for the Visual Arts Community Voices project, children from the Preston Taylor YMCA Boys and Girls Club worked with teaching artist Becca Ganick to create a visual history of their northwest Nashville neighborhood. Working in acrylics, the children painted three panels depicting historic landmarks in their community. Those pictured include Hadley Park, the first publicly owned African American park in the United States; Moses McKissack School, built by Moses and Calvin McKissack, brothers who established the first African American-owned construction firm in Nashville; and the Tennessee State University administration building, built during Reconstruction. Ceramic tiles line the bottom of the mural panels and stand for the bricks of love and friendship upon which the neighborhood is built. Preston Taylor (November 7, 1849 – April 13, 1931) was an African-American businessman, minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and philanthropist.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 10/25: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
 1pm - Youth (grades 6-college) picnic at Cascade Park's main pavilion
Mon., 10/26: 7pm - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 10/27: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)***
Wed., 10/28: 7pm - theAlternative*
Sat., 10/31: Daylight saving time ends (set clocks BACK one hour before retiring)

*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](http://waccelyria.org/youtube).

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

***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

