



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

Worship of God

January 10, 2021, 9:30am: Baptism of the Lord

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

Spirit of Gentleness

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"It just doesn't make spiritual sense to suggest that the evil all lies "out there" with our adversaries and enemies, and none of it is "in here" with us—embedded in our own attitudes, behaviors, and policies."

--Jim Wallis, *God's Politics*

Hymn of Praise 688

When, in Awe of God's Creation

HYFRYDOL

Invocation

Mr. Marty Rowe

Hymn of Prayer

God of Love, We've Known Division

BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the People

God of Love...

Guide us toward justice and heal our division.

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

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

God of the Sparrow

Mr. Collins

Doxology

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

Psalm 29
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Rev. Russell

Sermon

Ascribing Glory

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

“Faith recognizes that God acts first, thus inviting human beings into a relationship. It is important to recognize that this invitation comes in the form of God acting in the world to make real the freedom of God, which is love and life. Thus, God's call to faith is an invitation to become a partner with God in ‘the mending of creation.’ That is, God invites human beings to join with God in creating a world where ‘justice is cherished and where freedom, [life] and love flourish.’”

--Kelly Brown Douglas, *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*

Hymn of Communion 686

Of Women, and of Women's Hopes We Sing

SURSUM CORDA

Invitation to Remember our Baptism & Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Ms. Megan Rowe

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 668

For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Spirit Song
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Collins

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

Today's image is *Healing of the Nations* by Theresa Dedmon

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 1/10: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 1/11: 7pm - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 1/12: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)***
5:30pm - Elders' meeting (on Zoom)
7pm - Board meeting (on Zoom)
Wed., 1/13: 7pm - theAlternative*
Thu., 1/14: 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/childrencorner. 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 online, 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

