



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

Worship of God

January 17, 2021, 9:30am: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Lead Me, Lord

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

“Oppressed peoples are always being asked to stretch a little more, to bridge the gap between blindness and humanity. Black women are expected to use our anger only in the service of other people’s salvation or learning. But that time is over. My anger has meant pain to me but it has also meant survival, and before I give it up I’m going to be sure that there is something at least as powerful to replace it on the road to clarity.”

--Audre Lorde, *The Uses of Anger*

Hymn of Praise 288

O God of Vision

LOBE DEN HERREN

Invocation

Mr. Joel Sinegar

Hymn of Prayer

Listen for the Call of God

ABERYSTWYTH

Prayers of the People

God who calls us by name...

Awaken us to live into your mission.

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 305

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Come, Celebrate the Call of God

Mr. Collins

Doxology 23

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed.
God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God’s faithfulness!**

The Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Rev. Russell

Sermon

Time's Up

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter, but beautiful, struggle for a new world. This is the calling of the [children] of God, and people wait eagerly for our response. Shall we say the odds are too great? Shall we tell them the struggle is too hard? Will our message be that the forces of American life militate against their arrival as full [beings], and we send our deepest regrets? Or will there be another message--of longing, of hope, of solidarity with their yearnings, of commitment to their cause, whatever the cost? The choice is ours, and though we might prefer it otherwise, we must choose in this crucial moment of human history."

--Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence*

Hymn of Communion 426

THE VOICE OF JESUS
The Voice of Jesus Calls His People

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 452

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Called as Partners in Christ's Service
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, *Samuel and the Call of God*, is the cover image from Superbook Academy.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 1/17: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 1/18: Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (church office closed)
7pm - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 1/19: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)***
5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom)
Wed., 1/20: 7pm - 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

