



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

## Worship of God

January 24, 2021, 9:30am: Third 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

*Be Still and Know / Be Still, My Soul*

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"When day comes we ask ourselves, where can we find light in this never-ending shade? The loss we carry, a sea we must wade. We've braved the belly of the beast. We've learned that quiet isn't always peace. In the norms and notions of what just is isn't always justice."

--Amanda Gorman, *The Hill We Climb*

Hymn of Praise

*Praise to the Living God*

DIADEMATA

Invocation

Ms. Donna Sinegar

Hymn of Prayer 510

*Out of the Depths*

DEPTHS

Prayers of the People

Out of the depths, O God...  
**We call to you.**

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

*Partita*

Mr. Collins

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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

Jonah 3

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A Whale of a Tale

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"We will not march back to what was, but move to what shall be: a country that is bruised, but whole; benevolent, but bold; fierce and free. We will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation, because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation. Our blunders become their burdens. But one thing is certain, if we merge mercy with might, and might with right, then love becomes our legacy, and change our children's birthright."

--Amanda Gorman, *The Hill We Climb*

Hymn of Communion

O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE

*Called to Gather as Christ's People*

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Ms. Jen Sweeten

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

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

NETTLETON

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Hope of the World*  
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 *Jonah and the Whale*, by [www.heqiart.com](http://www.heqiart.com).

### OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 1/24: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship\*  
Mon., 1/25: 7pm - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere\*\*  
Tue., 1/26: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*\*\*  
Wed., 1/27: 7pm - theAlternative\*  
Thu., 1/28: 10am - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)\*\*\*\*

Flowers in the chancel are in memory of the birthday of Harold M. Clark (1/26/1898),  
provided in perpetuity by his son, Edward Clark.

\*Sunday and Wednesday opportunities for worship premiere at their respective times on our website and YouTube channel (see [waccelyria.org/online](http://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](http://waccelyria.org/childrenscorner). Past episodes are available on our [YouTube channel](#).

\*\*\*First-timers will want to register at [waccelyria.org](http://waccelyria.org) for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.

\*\*\*\*Contact the church office for log-in information for this bi-weekly event.

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: [waccelyria.org/pray](http://waccelyria.org/pray)

Contributions may be submitted to the church office or online at: [waccelyria.org/give](http://waccelyria.org/give)

