



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

## Worship of God

January 31, 2021, 9:30am: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany and Laity Sunday

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

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Faith is confidence in what we hope for and the assurance about what we do not see."

--Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

"To trust in God in the Light is nothing, but to trust God in the dark, that is faith."

--C.H. Spurgeon

Hymn of Praise 88

*All My Hope on God Is Founded*

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Invocation

Ms. Liz Baumgartner

Hymn of Prayer 565

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*

Prayers of the People

God of our common life...

**Help us witness to the faith you have given us.**

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, O Lord*

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Ms. Bonnie Jackson

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

Offertory

*Come to the Altar*

Ms. Lydia Ward

Doxology 50

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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 Readings

John 16:33 and Hebrews 10:22-24  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God.**

Ms. Bethany Kopis

Sermon

Mr. Jeff Evans and Ms. Lisa Ward  
Witnessing Faith through Challenging Times

Discipline of Silence

"I have a lot of faith. But I'm also afraid a lot and have no real certainty about anything. I remember something Father Tom had told me - that the opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty. Certainty is missing the point entirely. Faith includes noticing the mess, the emptiness and discomfort and letting it be there until some light returns."

--Anne Lamott, *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*

Hymn of Communion 427

*Loving Lord, As Now We Gather*

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Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Ms. Barbara Terrell

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 586

*Open My Eyes*

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Benediction and Charge

Ms. Laurie Figueroa

Postlude

*The Voice of Jesus Calls His People*  
And all the people said...  
**AMEN!**

Mr. Collins

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

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 1/31: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship\*  
Mon., 2/1: 7pm - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere\*\*  
Tue., 2/2: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*\*\*  
Wed., 2/3: 7pm - theAlternative\*

\*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.

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)

