



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

## Worship of God

May 23, 2021, 9:30am: Pentecost Sunday

Chiming the Hour

Greeting

The Spirit of God is with you!  
**And also with you!**

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

Lift up your hearts...  
**We lift them to the Lord!**

Prelude

*Con moto maestoso*

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"The wind has its reasons. We just don't notice as we go about our lives. But then, at some point, we are made to notice. The wind envelops you with a certain purpose in mind, and it rocks you. The wind knows everything that's inside you. And not just the wind. Everything, including a stone. They all know us very well. From top to bottom. It only occurs to us at certain times. And all we can do is go with those things. As we take them in, we survive, and deepen."

--Haruki Murakami, *Hear the Wind Sing*

Hymn of Praise 237

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

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Invocation

Mr. Mark Mathes

Hymn of Prayer 236

*Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

ABERYSTWYTH

Prayers of the People

Spirit God of Pentecost...  
**Raise, renew the life we've lost.**

The Lord's Prayer 307

MALOTTE

**Our Father, which 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.**

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Ms. Kathy Wainwright and Mr. Collins  
*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

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 Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Rev. Russell

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

Sermon

*Pentecost Happens*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Pentecost celebrates the giving of the Holy Spirit and reminds us that our story isn't static but dynamic, alive, and unfolding. In the same way that the disciples moved out from Jerusalem after Pentecost, we are to move out of our places of comfort and complacency as we join God in the world God is making."

--John Huckins, *Pentecost and the Freedom to Be in All the Wrong Places*

Hymn of Communion 386

*We Come as Guests Invited*

AURELIA

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Mr. Bob Maxwell

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship (inside back cover of hymnal)

WASHINGTON AVENUE

*From Doorsteps to Earth's Corners*

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Toccata on Washington Avenue*

Mr. Collins

And all the people said...

**AMEN!**

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

Today's artwork is *Holy Spirit Coming*, by He Qi, [heqjart.com](http://heqjart.com).

### OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 5/23: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary  
6pm - Online premiere of the 9:30am worship service\*  
Mon., 5/24: 7pm - *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere\*\*  
Tue., 5/25: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*\*\*  
Wed., 5/26: 7pm - theAlternative\*  
Sat., 5/29: 9am - Community Garden planting on the front lawn

Flowers in the chancel are in memory of Harold M. & Gladys A. Clark,  
provided in perpetuity by their son, Edward Clark.

\*All Sunday and Wednesday worship services 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](#).

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

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