



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

Worship of God

May 30, 2021, 9:30am: Trinity Sunday

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"The dance [of life] resists easy, static naming. The divine call we experience does not ask us to learn the dance completely, because God is continuously creating each step and movement, moment by moment, drawing creation and its creatures into right relationship. God calls us to live the dance in all its dynamic, responsive, loving, just, and liberating power. Those who desire to learn it without attention to its responsive, improvisational, and creative core fail to fully live it."

--Karen Baker-Fletcher, *Dancing with God*

Hymn of Praise 284

Gather Us In

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Invocation

Ms. Kimberly Wilhelm

Hymn of Prayer 14

Womb of Life, and Source of Being

GREENCASTLE

Prayers of the People

One in three and three-in-one...
Help us share your life, your passion.

The Lord's Prayer 307

All

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

God, We Gather as Your People

Mr. Collins

Doxology 528

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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

John 3:1-17

Rev. Russell

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

Sermon

I Hope You Dance

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance, and when you get the choice to sit it out or dance... I hope you dance..."

--Mark D. Sanders & Tia M. Sillers, *I Hope You Dance*

Hymn of Communion 365

BEACH SPRING

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Mighty God Who Called Creation

WEISSE FLAGGEN

Might - y God who called cre - a - tion from the un - formed womb of space,
 As we wor - ship, may your Spir - it breathe through us the pow'r of prayer,
 Root - ed in the love of Je - sus, nour - ished by his flesh and blood,
 Keep us faith - ful, joy - ful, lov - ing, filled with hope through grief and pain,

new - born worlds of gleam - ing glo - ry, fresh with hope and ripe with grace:
 words of life for dai - ly liv - ing, strength to do and faith to dare.
 may we prove a fruit - ful vine - yard, joined in mut - ual serv - ant - hood.
 know - ing that the One who made us has re - deemed and will sus - tain:

speak a - gain with power and prom - ise when the storms of fear in - crease;
 Come, en - flame us, Ho - ly Spir - it, like the church at Pen - te - cost;
 Work through us, O ris - en Sav - ior, to reap peace from fields of strife;
 Tri - une God, of bound - less glo - ry, yet in hu - man form made known,

to help our cha - os and light con - fu - sion let your light and truth bring peace.
 bring us bear the wastes of to - bleas - ing let the least, the last the lost.
 raise our bar - ren to be a peo - ple called by love to be death to life.
 us up to be a peo - ple called by love to be your own.

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Wind upon the Waters
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 artwork is *Trinity* (2013) by Jutta Bluehberger, juttabluehberger.at/en/trinity/.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 5/30: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 5/31: Memorial Day (church office closed)
7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 6/1: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
- Wed., 6/2: 6pm - Property Committee grounds work session
7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative
- Thu., 6/3: 10am - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)**

*First-timers may register at waccelyria.org for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.

**Contact the church office for the log-in information for this bi-weekly, online chat.

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

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