



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

## Worship of God

June 6, 2021, 9:30am: The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

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

*Womb of Life, and Source of Being*

The WACC Orchestra

Meditation for Preparation

"When religion is manipulated for political gain, faith loses its prophetic stance."

--Jim Wallis, *(Un)Common Good*

Hymn of Praise 280

*God Is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Invocation

Mr. Abe Reshad

Hymn of Prayer 595

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

Prayers of the People

Great God of heaven...  
**Be thou our vision.**

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 314

Amen

AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

*Thaxted*

The WACC Orchestra

Doxology

*Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*

MARION

**Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore.  
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore!  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

The Reading

1 Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*To Whose Reign Do We Pledge Allegiance?*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The country is in deep trouble. We've forgotten that a rich life consists fundamentally of serving others, trying to leave the world a little better than you found it. We need the courage to question the powers that be, the courage to be impatient with evil and patient with people, the courage to fight for social justice. In many instances we will be stepping out on nothing, and just hoping to land on something. But that's the struggle. To live is to wrestle with despair, yet never allow despair to have the last word."

--Cornel West

Hymn of Communion 400

*When You Do This, Remember Me*

LORETTO

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Ms. Sandy Rieth

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*God, Bless Your Church with Strength!*

DIADEMATA



God, bless your church with strength! Wher - ev - er we may be, build up your serv - ants  
God, bless your church with life! May all our branch - es thrive, un - blem - ished, whole - some,  
God, bless your church with hope! De - spite cha - ot - ic days, may we through - out the



as we work in com - mon min - is - try. Urge us from fledg - ling faith to  
bear - ing fruit, a - bund - ant - ly a - live. From you, one Ho - ly Vine, in  
night shine light, a path - way through life's maze. May just - ice be our aim, and



ven - ture and to soar through o - pen skies, to sing the praise of Christ whom we a - dore.  
free - dom may we grow. Sus - tain us in our mis - sion, Lord, your love and peace to show.  
kind - ness ours to share, in hum - ble - ness, oh, may we walk, as - sured that God is there!

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Be Thou My Vision*  
And all the people said...  
**AMEN!**

The WACC Orchestra

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

Today's artwork is *King Saul's Tragedy* by Esther Newman-Cohen. Anointed by the prophet Samuel, King Saul had the honor of being Israel's first king of a united Kingdom of Israel, but his life turned into a tragedy. Saul looked like royalty: tall, handsome, noble. He became king when he was 30 years old and reigned over Israel 42 years.

Flowers in the chancel are in memory of Bud Simmons, with love from Polly;  
and, in memory of Orv Terrell on what would have been his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, with love from Barbara.

The WACC Orchestra includes Evan Collins (keyboard),  
Leilani Santo Domingo (flute), and Alex Thornsby (viola).

### **OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK**

- Today, 6/6: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary  
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service  
Mon., 6/7: 4:30pm - Christian Education Committee meeting (in-person and on Zoom)  
7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*  
Tue., 6/8: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*  
Wed., 6/9: 7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative  
Fri., 6/11: 11am - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting (on Zoom)

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

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