

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

## Worship of God

July 4, 2021, 9:30am: The Sixth 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

*He Has Done Marvelous Things* WACC Community Choir

Meditation for Preparation

"Jesus of Nazareth always comes asking disciples to follow him--not merely "accept him," not merely "believe in him," not merely "worship him," but to follow him: one either follows Christ, or one does not. There is no compartmentalization of the faith, no realm, no sphere, no business, no politic in which the lordship of Christ will be excluded. We either make him Lord of all lords, or we deny him as Lord of any."

--Lee Camp, *Radical Discipleship*

Hymn of Praise 622

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

Invocation

Dr. Chad Vickers

Hymn of Prayer (Insert)

*The Summons*

KELVINGROVE

Prayers of the People

God who summons us by name...

**Answer prayer through 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 583

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

WACC Community Choir

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Doxology 15

*Doxology*

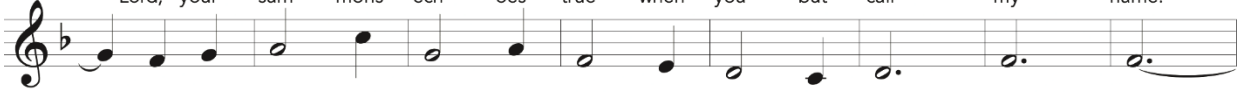
MARION

**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.**

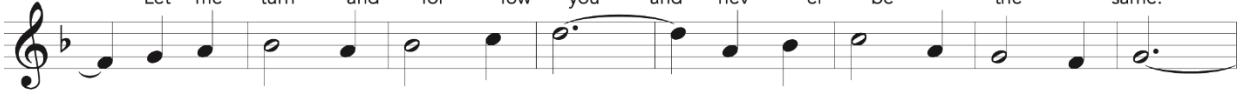
# The Summons



Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith - you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
 Will you ad - mit me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 and through my sight to what I mean in you and you in me?  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

# Take the Path of the Disciple



Called by God to make the jour - ney in com - mu - ni - ty with Christ, learn - ing,  
 Though the way will not be eas - y, and we some - times feel a - lone, break - ing  
 On the path we go to - geth - er, let the Spi - rit gen - tly lead. We pro -



shar - ing, rec - on - cil - ing, seek - ing jus - tice, peace, and light. Take the  
 bread, our eyes are o - peed, and we meet Christ on the road.  
 claim Je - sus as Sav - ior and find joy, hope, love, and peace.



path of the dis - ci - ple, join the jour - ney to new life! Seek the



ways that God would lead us, the com - mu - ni - ty of Christ.

The Reading

Mark 6:1-13

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Take the Path of the Disciple*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"In ancient Greek, the root of *demon* means 'to throw apart.' That which causes us to fracture, to become less whole, is demonic... I like to think that when Jesus sent the disciples to cast out demons in his name, he intended for them to look with so much love upon those who had become fractured that their neglected pieces returned to the center of their being. He intended that the parts that were deemed unlovable by somebody or some institution—the parts abused by those who were supposed to love and protect them—could, in the gaze of such love, reassemble."

--Nadia Bolz-Weber, *Shameless*

Hymn of Communion (Insert)

*Take the Path of the Disciple*<sup>++</sup>

TAKE THE PATH

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*Grace Alone*<sup>+++</sup>

GRACE ALONE



Ev-ery prom-ise we can make, ev-ery prayer and step of faith, ev-ery dif-ference we will make  
Ev-ery soul we long to reach, ev-ery heart we hope to teach, ev-ery-where we share God's peace



is on-ly by God's grace. Ev-ery moun-tain we will climb, ev-ery ray of hope we shine,  
is on-ly by God's grace. Ev-ery lov-ing word we say, ev-ery tear we wipe a-way,



ev-ery bless-ing left be-hind is on-ly by God's grace. Grace a-lone which God sup-plies, strength un-  
ev-ery sor-row turned to praise is on-ly by God's grace.



known God will pro-vide. Christ in us our Cor-ner-stone; we will go forth in grace a-lone.

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You* WACC Community Choir  
And all the people said...

**AMEN!**

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

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The rose vase in the chancel commemorates what would have been  
the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Bud & Polly Simmons (7/2).

The carnations and daisies are in memory of Ken Mundorf  
on the one-year anniversary of his passing, with love from Kay.

#### **OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK**

- Today, 7/4: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary  
3pm - Chi Rho Camp at Camp Christian begins (ends 7/10)  
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 7/5: Church office closed in observance of the July 4 holiday  
7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 7/6: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*
- Wed., 7/7: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative

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

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