



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

Worship of God

July 25, 2021, 9:30am: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Gather Us In

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Bread in the scriptures is the stuff of life, that without which we cannot survive, and that which enables us to do more than survive, creates the possibility that we will have the opportunity to thrive."

--Wil Gafney, *This Is My Body*

Hymn of Praise (Insert)

*Where Is Bread?**

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Invocation

Mr. Bob Rieth

Hymn of Prayer

*Let Your Heart Be Broken***

BJORKLUND MAJOR

Let your heart be bro - ken for - a world in need: feed the mouths that
Blest to be a bless - ing, priv - i - leged to care, chal - lenged by the
Add to your be - liev - ing deeds that prove it true. Know - ing Christ as
Let your heart be ten - der and your vi - sion clear; see the world as

hun - ger, soothe the wounds that bleed, give the cup of wa - ter
need ap - par - ent ev - ery - where, where the world is want - ing,
Sav - ior, make him lead - er, too, Fol - low in his foot - steps,
God sees, serve all far and near. Let your heart be bro - ken

and the loaf of bread; be the hands of Je - sus, serv - ing in his stead.
fill the va - cant place. Be the means through which the Lord re - veals God's grace.
go where he has trod; in the world's great trou - ble risk your - self for God.
by an - oth - er's pain; share your rich re - sourc - es, give and give a - gain.

Prayers of the People

Break our hearts wide open, O God...

And help us risk ourselves for you.

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.

Where Is Bread?



"Where is bread?" the great crowd mur - mured; thou - sands strong, yet all in need.
 Where is bread? We know their year - ing; Ev - ery day, we wish for more.
 "Where is bread?" the call is ris - ing; Mil - lions cry who must be fed.



"Where is bread?" your peo - ple won - dered, face with such a crowd to feed.
 God, in time, we're slow - ly learn - ing: All we own can make us poor.
 God, your an - swer seems sur - pris - ing: "You, my Church, you give them bread."



Who, Lord Je - sus, could have guessed it? One small boy brought food to share.
 Our pos - ses - sions can pos - sess us, bread for hun - ger deep in - side.
 Bread to fill each hun - gry spir - it, bread for hun - gry stom - achs, too!



Tak - ing what he gave, you blessed it; all were fed, with much to spare.
 Christ our Bread, come now and bless us; at your feast, we're sat - is - fied.
 Give us bread and help us share it. Rich - ly blest, may we serve you.

To Be Your Presence



To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here,
 To be your pre - sence is our mis - sion bold,
 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest,
 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice;



to show Com - pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear,
 to feed the poor all and shel - ter home - less cold,
 to speak for your peo - ple the bro - ken our and op - pressed,
 to serve your heart of mer - cy ev - er near,
 to be your hands of jus - tice, right up - hold.
 to be your voice of hope, your love ex - pressed.
 and in this mis - sion we, the church, re - joice.



to be your heart of mer - cy ev - er near.
 to be your hands of jus - tice, right up - hold.
 to be your voice of hope, your love ex - pressed.
 and in this mis - sion we, the church, re - joice.



Al - le - lu - ia!

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Offertory

Mr. Collins, Organ / Ms. Pam Sheetz, Piano
Wonderful Words of Life

Doxology

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ELLACOMBE

Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay, Transform them into blessings on those we serve today. Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill The ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.

The Reading

John 6:1-21

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jesus Loves Carbs: Fragments and Pieces

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"At the end of a rush, when I sat down with the kitchen staff and waiters, I learned how central food is to creating human community, what eating together around a table can do. As a wise bishop would tell me, years and years later, in words I couldn't possibly have grasped back then, "There's a hunger beyond food that's expressed in food, and that's why feeding is always a kind of miracle."

--Sara Miles, *Take This Bread*

Hymn of Communion 429

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

FINEST WHEAT

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship (Insert)

To Be Your Presence⁺⁺⁺

ENGELBERG

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Postlude on Mission
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 *Jesus multiplies the loaves and fish* (1973) JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

+ Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

++Words by Bryan Jeffery Leech

+++Words by Delores Dufner

Flowers in the chancel are in honor of Audrey & Jack Price's 63rd (7/22) wedding anniversary.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 7/25: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 7/26: 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 7/27: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
- Wed., 7/28: 4pm - Church Life & Growth Committee gathering at [The Foundry Kitchen & Bar](#)
7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
- Thu., 7/29: 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 link for this bi-weekly, online chat.

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