



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

Worship of God

August 8, 2021, 9:30am: The Eleventh 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	<i>Colorful Creator</i>	Mr. Evan Collins
Meditation for Preparation		
“There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”		--Mahatma Gandhi
Hymn of Praise 284	<i>Gather Us In</i>	GATHER US IN
Invocation		Mr. Don Hange, Jr.
Hymn of Prayer 487	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	ACCEPTANCE
Prayers of the People	Renew us with your Spirit, O God... Free us and make us one.	
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 315	<i>Amen</i>	AMEN
Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts		Rev. Russell
Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.		
Offertory	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	Mr. Collins
Doxology 64	<i>Doxology</i>	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 6:35-51	Rev. Russell
	For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	

Discipline of Silence

"Jesus is God's manna in the wilderness, the one who reminds us day by day that we live because God provides not what we want, necessarily, but exactly what we need: some bread, some love, some breath, some wine, a relationship with this ordinary looking man, who comes from heaven to bring life to the world."

--Barbara Brown Taylor, *Bread of Angels*

Hymn of Communion 387

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Bob Maxwell

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

You Are Called to Tell the Story⁺

LAUDA ANIMA

You are called to tell the sto - ry, pass - ing words of life a - long,
 You are called to teach the rhy - thm of the dance that nev - er ends,
 You are called to set the ta - ble, bless - ing bread as Je - sus blessed,
 May the One whose love is broad - er than the meas - ure of all space

then to blend your voice with oth - ers as you sing the sa - cred song.
 then to move with - in the cir - cle, hand in hand with stran - gers, friends.
 then to come with thirst and hun - ger, need - ing care like all the rest.
 give us words to sing the sto - ry, move a - mong us in this place.

Christ be known in all our sing - ing, fill - ing all with songs of love.
 Christ be known in all our danc - ing, touch - ing all with hands of love.
 Christ be known in all our shar - ing, feed - ing all with signs of love.
 Christ be known in all our liv - ing, fill - ing all with gifts of love.

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

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

Today's artwork, *Bread of Life*, is a mural painted by James Janknegt for Christ the Reconciler retreat center in Elgin, TX. For additional information about the artist, see: www.bcartfarm.com.

+Words by Ruth Duck

Flowers in the chancel are in honor of Brenda Keenan upon her retirement as Parish Visitor after 16 years of service, with love from the Elders.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Today, 8/8: | 9:30am | - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary |
| | 6pm | - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service |
| Mon., 8/9: | 9:30am | - Christian Education Committee work session |
| | 7pm | - YouTube premiere of <i>Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart</i> |
| Tue., 8/10: | 7:45am | - Devotional gathering for <i>The Upper Room</i> (on Zoom)* |
| | 6:30pm | - Stewardship Committee meeting (on Zoom) |
| Wed., 8/11: | 7pm | - YouTube premiere of the Alternative |
| Thur., 8/12: | 10am | - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)** |
| | 5-7pm | - Chalk Walk |

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

**Contact the church office to receive 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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