



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

Worship of God

August 15, 2021, 9:30am: The Twelfth 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

Hold on to Me

Ms. Lydia Ward

Meditation for Preparation

"To live, we must daily break the body and shed the blood of Creation. When we do this knowingly, lovingly, skillfully, reverently, it is a sacrament. When we do it ignorantly, greedily, clumsily, destructively, it is a desecration. In such desecration we condemn ourselves to spiritual and moral loneliness, and others to want."

--Wendell Berry, *The Art of the Commonplace*

Hymn of Praise 12

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

ABERYSTWYTH

Invocation

Ms. Bonnie Jackson

Hymn of Prayer

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life⁺

THE CALL

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a
 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a
 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a

truth as ends all strife, such a life as kill - - - eth death.
 feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes _____ his quest.
 love as none can part, such a heart as joys _____ in love.

Prayers of the People

**Come, our Way, Truth, and Life...
And be our Joy, Love, and Heart.**

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 593

Lead Me, Lord

LEAD ME LORD

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts		Rev. Russell
	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.	
Offertory		Becky Thompson
	<i>Give Me Jesus / How Firm a Foundation / The Mission</i>	
Doxology	<i>Doxology</i>	OURS THE JOURNEY
	Take, O God, the gifts we offer, use them for your reign to bring justice that will flow like fountains, life from your abundant spring. God, you are our holy parent, and we sing our thanks to you. Let us see your future dawning, your world made anew.	
The Reading	John 6:51-58	Rev. Russell
	For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...	
	Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	<i>Jesus Loves Carbs: Eat My Flesh</i>	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence	<p>"Jesus is eucharist with a small "e" because he is the essence of its realization. Whenever and wherever we turn to Jesus to revivify the values he lived, we keep alive the vision that is now a vital force of Spirit poised to transform us all. We do this to proclaim God's love for all of God's creation. This is the good news that Jesus embodied, and we do this in memory of him."</p> <p>--Miriam Therese Winter, <i>eucharist with a small "e"</i></p>	
Hymn of Communion 423	<i>Become to Us the Living Bread</i>	GELOBT SEI GOTT
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer at the Table		Becky Thompson
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship (Insert)	<i>Joy and Wonder, Love and Longing⁺⁺</i>	CHAPOTON
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell

Joy and Wonder, Love and Longing



Joy and won - der, love and long - ing, draw us to this fes - tive day,
l - vory of the stone - ground flour, am - ber of the grow - ing wheat,
Red of gar - nets, ru - bies, ros - es glis - tens in the cup we lift,
Like the col - ors of the rain - bow all re - fract - ing from one light,



ju - bi - lee of trans - for - ma - tion. O - pen wide our eyes, we pray:
gold of loaves, fresh - baked and fra - grant, where earth's bread and heav - en's meet:
Wine be - comes the blood of heal - ing, shed as life's most pre - cious gift.
gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions gath - er at this ho - ly rite



like dis - ci - ples gone be - fore us, grant us, gra - cious God, to see
Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, now in - vites us to the feast
Scar - let as the pom - e - gran - ate, crim - son as the morn - ing skies,
where the hun - gry and the thirst - ing taste from God's a - bun - dant store,



in the em - blems of this ban - quet shad - ings of your mys - ter - y.
con - se - crat - ed on the ta - ble fur - nished by the great High Priest.
Christ as ssed and fruit and flow - er lives to die, and dies to rise.
and the Son's self - emp - tying splen - dor fills our hearts for - ev - er - more.

Postlude

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Evan Collins

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

Today's artwork is *Eucharist* (2011) by Daniel Bonnell. The eucharist is represented in a symbolic work by presenting Christ as a chalice cup of wine.

*Words by George Herbert

**Words by Mary Louise Bringle

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 8/15: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 8/16: 9am - Celebration Planning Group meeting
7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 8/17: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom)
- Wed., 8/18: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
- Thu., 8/19: 5-9pm - Third Thursdays Elyria—Meet Me at the Square!

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

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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