



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

Worship of God

August 29, 2021, 9:30am: The Fourteenth 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

Ms. Linda and John Bohnert, Voice; Mr. Evan Collins, Piano
Be Thou My Vision

Meditation for Preparation

"There are two means of refuge from the misery of life — music and cats."

--Albert Schweitzer

Hymn of Praise 8

All Praise to God for Song God Gives

SACRED SONG

Invocation

Ms. Kathy Matheson

Hymn of Prayer

Spirit of Life⁺

SPIRIT OF LIFE

Spir - it of Life, come un - to us. Sing in our hearts all the stir-rings of com - pas - sion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giv-ing life the shape of jus - tice.
Roots hold us close; wings set us free; Spir - it of Life, come to us, come to us.

Prayers of the People

Spirit of Life...
Sing in our hearts.

The Lord's Prayer 310

HAAS

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Mr. Collins and Rev. Russell, Piano
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Doxology

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NOW SING TO OUR GOD



Now sing to our God a song of re-joic-ing; shout to the Lord with sounds of re - birth! Bring
mu-sic and danc-es, sweet mo-ments of si-lence; take ac-tion that fos-ters the heal-ing of earth. Sing to our God!
Shout to the Lord! Sing to our God! We'll live in the un-ion the Good Spir-it brings!

The Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Rev. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Song in Our Heart

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"It is for certain that congregational singing, judged by the norms of our market culture, is an absurd enterprise: a group of intrepid people eagerly lining out poetry filled with archaic images and metaphors reflective of a prescientific worldview and singing ancient memories, hopes, and mysteries that contradict the 'reason of the age.' Such singing, when done intentionally, is perfectly countercultural... Singing is, by the way of the world, quite 'unreasonable' and bears witness to an alternative reality."

--Walter Brueggemann, *A Glad Obedience*

Hymn of Communion 420

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

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 7

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Ms. Bohnert, Flute; Mr. Collins, Piano

Flower Duet

And all the people said...

AMEN!

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

Today's artwork is *Worship God*, by Tara, [Beauty4Ashes Art](#)

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++Words by Kenneth L. McLaughlin

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 8/29: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary, followed by dedication of the labyrinth
11am - Community Choir rehearsal in the music room
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
Mon., 8/30: 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
Tue., 8/31: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
4pm - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting at the home of Bonnie & Dennis Jackson
Wed., 9/1: 7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative
Fri., 9/3: 7pm - Disciples Fellowship Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 9/5)

*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](#)

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