

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

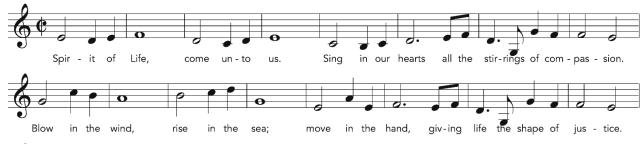
Invocation

Ms. Kathy Matheson

Hymn of Prayer

Spirit of Life⁺

SPIRIT OF LIFE





Prayers of the People

Spirit of Life... Sing in our hearts.

The Lord's Prayer 310

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Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

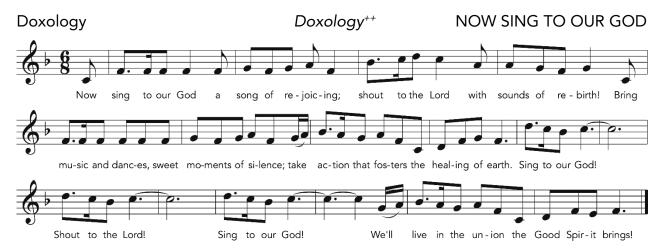
Rev. Russell

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



The Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Rev. Russell

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

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 8/29: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary, followed by dedication of the labvrinth

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 theAlternative

Fri., 9/3: 7pm - Disciples Fellowship Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 9/5)

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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^{*}First-timers may register at <u>waccelyria.org</u> for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.