

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

Worship of God

January 16, 2022, 9:30am: Second Sunday after the **Epiphany**

The Atwood Carillon

Rev. Russell

Mr. Evan Collins

Chiming the Hour

The Spirit of God is with you! Rev. Nathan A. Russell

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts... Call to Worship We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude

Greeting

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Meditation for Preparation

"Some people believe holding on and hanging in there are signs of great strength. However, there are times when it takes much more strength to know when to let go and then do it." --Ann Landers

Invocation

Ms. Kathy Matheson

Hymn of Prayer

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry¹

PUER NOBIS



Prayers of the People

Stretch forth your hand, O God...

And fill the world with love divine.

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

Amen

AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Meditation on Baptism

Mr. Collins

Doxology

MARION

Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore. Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

The Reading

Matthew 3:1-6, 11-17

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Discipline of Silence

"Evolution means letting go of our false fundamentals so that God can get into those shadowy places we're not sure we want him to be. It means being okay with being wrong, okay with not having all the answers, okay with never being finished."

--Rachel Held Evans, Faith Unraveled

Hymn of Communion 365

BEACH SPRING

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Bob Maxwell

Words of Institution

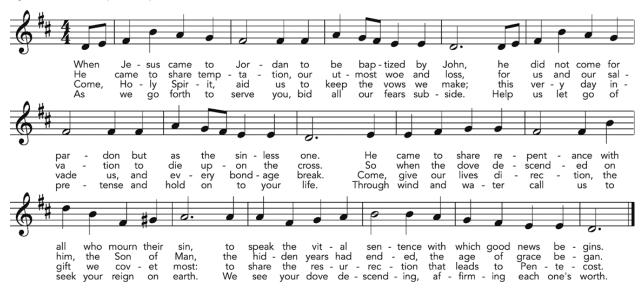
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Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship (Insert) When Jesus Came to Jordan²

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Lightly And all the people said...

AMEN!

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

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 1/16: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary

11am - Two or More scripture discussion group in the Gibbens room

6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service

Mon., 1/17: Church office closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

7pm - YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart

Tue., 1/18: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for The Upper Room (on Zoom)*

5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom)

7pm - Joanna Circle gathering (on Zoom)

Wed., 1/19: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative



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