



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

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

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Mr. Evan Collins

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

Hymn of Praise 176

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

Invocation

Ms. Kathy Matheson

Hymn of Prayer

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry¹

PUER NOBIS

On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es that the Lord is -
 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make straight the way for God with -
 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us rise to fall no

nigh; a - wake and hear - en for he brings glad ti - dings of the One who reigns.
 in, and let us all our hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 more; O let your face up - on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

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

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship (Insert) *When Jesus Came to Jordan*²

MUNICH



When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John, he did not come for
He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss, for us and our sal -
Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make; this ver - y day in -
As we go forth to serve you, bid all our fears sub - side. Help us let go of



par - don but as the sin - less one. He came to share re - pent - ance with
va - tion to die up - on the cross. So when the dove de - scend - ed on
vade us, and ev - ery bond - age break. Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the
pre - tense and hold on to your life. Through wind and wa - ter call us to



all who mourn their sin, to speak the vit - al sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
him, the Son of Man, the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
gift we cov - et most: to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.
seek your reign on earth. We see your dove de - scend - ing, af - firm - ing each one's worth.

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

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

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



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