



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

Worship of God

February 20, 2022, 9:30am: The Seventh 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

Mr. Jason Falkofsky

Meditation for Preparation

“The one thing that should never be said when someone dies is, ‘It is the will of God.’ Never do we know enough to say that. My own consolation lies in knowing that it was not the will of God that Alex die; that when the waves closed over the sinking car, God’s heart was the first of all our hearts to break.”

--William Sloane Coffin, *Alex’s Death*

Hymn of Praise (Insert)

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*¹

HYFRYDOL

Invocation

Mr. Don Hange, Jr.

Hymn of Prayer (Insert)

*God of Dawn, Each Day’s Renewal*²

JOYFUL SINGING

God of dawn, each day's re - new - al brings the world in - to your light as your
 Christ, you walked the world as we do, knew its hu - man pain and loss as your
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in - spi - ra - tion, light and truth and root of prayer, as your
 Praise to God, who spoke cre - a - tion, giv - ing life to time and space. Praise to

son de - feats the shad - ows, drives a - way the fear of night. We would
 love broke through the bar - riers, by your death up - on the cross. We still
 chal - lenge moves us for - ward, tak - ing us we know not where, we will
 Christ, whose liv - ing pres - ence showed the world your hu - man face. Praise the

greet this new be - gin - ning as you call to start a - gain; lead us
 speak your gos - pel mes - sage, though two thou - sand years have gone; help us
 fol - low your di - rec - tion, though the way - sand may not be clear. Shape us,
 Spir - it, dai - ly wit - ness to your ev - er - lov - ing way. Take us

on with - hope late and cour - age, make your will - and pur - pose plain.
 now trans - late its mean - ing in this pres - ent world of wrong.
 change us, re - cre - ate us, so the fu - ture holds no fear.
 now and re - a - wake us, chal - lenge us to use this day.

Prayers of the People

Light of truth and root of prayer...
Let your challenge move us forward.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ing, joy of heaven to earth come down;
 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 Peace, a - bun - dant grace, ful - fill - ing, mer - cies dai - ly new we find;
 Fin - ish, then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be,



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find thy prom - ised rest;
 sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.
 pa - tient God, O make us will - ing to be - stow such gifts in kind.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 take a - way our love of sin - ning; al - pha and o - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 Waste - ful love that thou hast giv - en, free - ly serv - ing all hu - man kind.
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in hea - ven we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 As we count our - selves for - giv - en, may we so give love di - vine.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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 306 *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Invitation to Stewardship

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Mr. Falkofsky

Doxology

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace, source and end of human knowledge, grace bestowing without cease. Celebrate the Maker's glory, pow'r to rescue and release.

The Reading

Luke 7:11-17

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Word Goes Out

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Jesus' identification with the oppressed is an identification with them in their struggle to survive and thrive in the face of the crucifying realities that threaten and destroy their lives. Thus the cross is not the end, but a revelatory point on the way to new life, new reality. It reveals where the movement toward God's just future begins."

--Kelly Brown Douglas, *Resurrection Hope*

Hymn of Communion 410

ST. PAUL'S

Now We Come Before God's Presence

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 618	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	FOUNDATION
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude		Mr. Falkofsky

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 *Mother & Child*, by Nazar Haidri.

¹Words by Charles Wesley (vv. 1-3, 5) and Stephanie Ray (v. 4)

²Words by Marjorie Dobson

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 2/20: 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., 2/21: 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 2/22: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
 4pm - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting (hybrid)
 5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom)
 6:30pm - Christian Education Committee meeting (hybrid)
- Wed., 2/23: 7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative
- Thu., 2/24: 10am - Social Hour (on Zoom)**

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

**Contact the church office for the link to this bi-weekly, online chat.



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us in-person and/or online. Scan this QR code with a smartphone to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make an online contribution.

Permission to print the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #73174-A. All rights reserved.

waccelyria.org ♦ 440.323.4213 ♦ 301 Washington Ave; Elyria OH 44035

