



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

Worship of God

March 6, 2022, 9:30am: The First Sunday in Lent

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 Bohnert and Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Don't know what's coming tomorrow / maybe it's trouble and sorrow / but we'll travel the road sharin' our load / side by side"

--Harry Woods, *Side by Side*

Hymn of Praise 696

For Beauty of Meadows

ST. DENIO

Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer

*Creator of the Stars of Night*¹

CONDITOR ALME

Prayer of Confession

Creator of the stars of night, we're five days into our Lenten journey, but we confess that we feel as if we've been living in the season of Lent for two-plus years. Our mortality has weighed on our minds as death has done its worst. We admit that we have fallen and will fall again. We are frail creatures of dust and feeble as frail. We will break, but we trust you will pick up the broken pieces and put us back together again. Throughout this time of reflection, help us remember that you make beautiful things out of dust. You are the potter; we are the clay. Help us to relax and rest into your hands that are reshaping and molding us into what you would have us be and become.

Prayers of the People

Creator of the stars of night...
Come, O Savior, and set us free.

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 504 *Heal Us, Hands of Jesus*

SOUTHWELL



Heal us, hands of Je - sus, and search out all our pain re - store our hope, re - move our fear, and bring us peace a - gain.

Creator of the Stars of Night



Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
To you the deep tra - vail was known that made the whole cre - a - tion groan.
This Lent - en jour - ney that we make as your dis - ci - ples, let us take
At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:



O Christ, re - deem - er of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call.
You came, O Sav - ior, to set free your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
the cross of Je - sus Christ our Lord and trust the grace that you af - ford.
all things on earth with one ac - cord, like those in heav'n shall call you Lord.

Invitation to Stewardship

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Community Choir

Doxology

WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb we will sing, we will sing, to God and to the Lamb we will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, we will sing, we will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, we will sing!

The Reading

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-25

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Back to the Garden: Side by Side

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"He loved every person in this church more than he would have ever thought possible, loved them not with the automatic love of childhood or the easy love of coincidence, but with the tautly stitched love of people who have faced uncertainty together, who have stuck it out, the strong love of people who looked to their side while suffering and saw the other there."

--Cara Wall, *The Dearly Beloved*

Hymn of Communion 457

Colorful Creator

HOUGHTON

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Debby Willets

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 651

HOLY MANNA

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Ms. Linda and Mr. John Bohnert and Mr. Collins
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 *Adam and Eve in the Garden – Creation* is a mural in a cathedral in Songea, Tanzania.

¹Vv.1,2,4 Latin hymn, 9th century; vs. 3 Nathan A. Russell, 2022

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 3/6: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary
11am - Whitechapel Ringers rehearsal in the music room
- *Two Or More* scripture discussion group in the Gibbens room
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 3/7: 3pm - Worship Committee meeting (on Zoom)
7pm - Lenten Study (*Witness at the Cross*; on Zoom)
- YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 3/8: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
7pm - Board meeting (hybrid)
- Wed., 3/9: 7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative
- Thu., 3/10: 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.

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