



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

## Worship of God

May 8, 2022, 9:30am: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

*When In Our Music God is Glorified*

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Our missional priorities help us decide what to do as a church and what not to do. There are a million possibilities for joining God's work in the world; we're so glad that other churches are working on other missional priorities. And while ours serve us well for now, giving us clarity about next steps, we hold them lightly, knowing that God may have other plans for us at some point."

–Katie Hays, *We Were Spiritual Refugees*

Hymn of Praise (Insert)

*All Are Welcome*<sup>1</sup>

TWO OAKS

Invocation

Mr. Joe Vondruska

Hymn of Prayer 470

*When the Church of Jesus*

KING'S WESTON

Prayers of the People

Reproving and inspiring God...  
**Teach us how true Christians live.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 313

*Amen*

STAINER

Invitation to Stewardship

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Mr. Collins

Doxology

*Doxology*<sup>2</sup>

OURS THE JOURNEY

**Take, O God, the gifts we offer, use them for your reign to bring justice that will flow like fountains, life from your abundant spring. God, you are our holy parent, and we sing our thanks to you. Let us see your future dawning, your world made anew!**

## All Are Welcome



Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and  
Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren  
Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on  
Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,  
Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

The Reading

Luke 7:18-23

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*A Gospel Worth Telling*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"All of which is to say: *God gets everything God wants.* Exodus and resurrection are, in a sense, the same plotline with different details. Everything belongs to God; God has a way God wants all this to go; someone else dares to compete with God for control of the show; God's mighty hand and outstretched arm do their thing; and God wins. Pharaoh, Caesar, Death—they do not stand a snowball's chance in the hell I no longer believe in... *God gets everything God wants.* Thanks be to God!"

—Katie Hays, *God Gets Everything God Wants*

Hymn of Communion (Insert)

*For Everyone Born*<sup>3</sup>

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 274

*I Love Your Church, O God*

ST. THOMAS

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Built on the Rock*  
And all the people said...

**AMEN!**

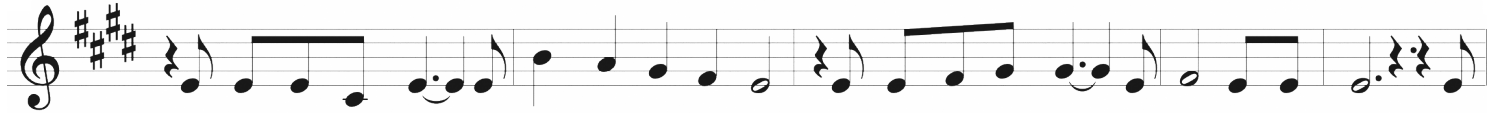
Mr. Collins

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

# For Everyone Born



For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta-ble, for ev - ery-oneborn, clean wa - ter and bread,  
For wo - man and man, a place at the ta-ble, re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
For young and for old, a place at the ta-ble, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
For just and un - just, a place at the ta-ble, a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta-ble, to live with-out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for ev - ery-one born, a star o - ver head.  
with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the pow - er, for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair.  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled, for young and for old, the right to be - long. And  
in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for just and un - just, a new way to live.  
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - ery-one born, the right to be free.



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



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<sup>1</sup>Words by Marty Haugen, 1994

<sup>2</sup>Words by Nathan A. Russell, 2021

<sup>3</sup>Words by Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

- |             |          |  |
|-------------|----------|--|
| Today, 5/8: | 9:30am   | - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary                       |
|             |          | - Labyrinth available for walking immediately following worship        |
|             | 11am     | - <i>Two Or More</i> scripture discussion group in the Gibbens room    |
|             | 6pm      | - YouTube premiere of morning worship                                  |
| Mon., 5/9:  | 7pm      | - YouTube premiere of <i>Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart</i> |
| Tue., 5/10: | 7:45am   | - Devotional gathering using <i>The Upper Room</i> (on Zoom)*          |
|             | 5:30pm   | - Elders' meeting (hybrid)   |
|             | 7pm      | - Board meeting (hybrid)   |
| Wed., 5/11: | 10am-2pm | - Labyrinth available (weekly)   |
|             | 7pm      | - YouTube premiere of theAlternative                                   |

\*First-timers may register at [waccelyria.org](http://waccelyria.org) for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.



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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