



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

Worship of God

May 29, 2022, 9:30am: Ascension Sunday

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. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"There is something deeply hypocritical about praying for a problem you are unwilling to resolve."

—Mirsolav Wolf

Hymn of Praise 6

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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Invocation

Mr. Dan Clark

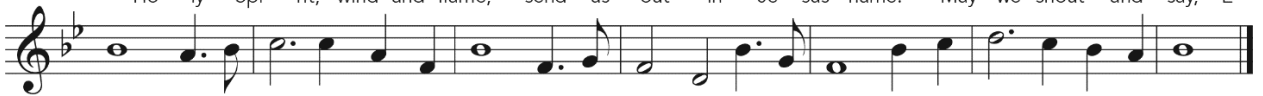
Hymn of Prayer

God, Our Nation Feels the Loss¹

TOPLADY



God, our na - tion feels the loss as our chil - dren pay the cost for the vio - lence we ac -
Je - sus, Lord, we hear you say, "Don't turn lit - tle ones a - way!" May we build a kind - er
Ho - ly Spi - rit, wind and flame, send us out in Je - sus' name. May we shout and say, "E -



cept, for the si - lence we have kept. Ra - chel weeps for chil - dren gone; God of love, this can't go on!
land where our chil - dren un - der - stand: Ev - ery child here mat - ters more than the guns we clam - or for.
nough!" May we build a world of love till the sounds of weap - ons cease, till our young can grow in peace.

Prayers of the People

Holy Spirit, wind and flame...
Send us out in Jesus' name.

The Lord's Prayer 307

MALOTTE

Our Father, which 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.

Invitation to Stewardship

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Mr. Collins

Doxology 15

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Many Convincing Proofs

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"We know what we have left undone: enacted lifesaving policy protections for millions of Americans who simply want to safely go to a music festival, nightclub, church, university, movie theater or elementary school."

-Kirsten Powers, *Why 'Thoughts and Prayers' Is Starting to Sound So Profane*

Hymn of Communion

O Christ Who by a Cross²

SURSUM CORDA



O Christ who by a cross made peace your sign, who gives your peace in
We speak of peace when the starv - ing hearts we war - fed, and un - for - giv - ing,
The self - ish - ness which is our hu - man curse, the ar - se - nal of



wa - ter, bread, and wine: O Spir - it Christ who is our spir - it's
keep our grudg - es sore, we prom - ise peace while yet we strive to
sim - ple lack of bread; with rich - es of the earth at our com -
ha - tred which we nurse, all are dis - pelled when in our hearts we



home, teach us the se - cret of the true sha - lom.
win, and in our en - e - my, see not our kin.
mand, from weap - on - ry to wel - come, peace turn is our hand.
say, "There is no way to peace: peace is the way."

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Mark Mathes

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 634	<i>To Us All, to Every Nation</i>	EBENEZER
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude		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 *The Ascension* (1973). JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

¹Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2022

²Words by Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 5/22: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary
 11am - *Two Or More* scripture discussion group in the Gibbens room
 6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship
- Mon., 5/30: Church office closed for Memorial Day observance.
 10am - Distribute water to parade-goers on the church grounds
 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 5/31: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
 4pm - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting (hybrid)
- Wed., 6/1 : 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
- Thu., 6/2: 10am - Social Hour (on Zoom)**
- Sat., 6/4: 10:30am - Church Life & Growth Committee set-up for 6/5 Pentecost brunch

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

**Contact the church office for this link.



We are thrilled that you are worshipping 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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