



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

## Worship of God

July 3, 2022, 9:30am: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Freedom is not a state; it is an act. It is not some enchanted garden perched high on a distant plateau where we can finally sit down and rest. Freedom is the continuous action we all must take, and each generation must do its part to create an even more fair, more just society."

—The Honorable John R. Lewis, *Across that Bridge*

Hymn of Praise 609

*Take My Life and Let it Be*

HENDON

Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer

*Can We Calculate Our Giving<sup>1</sup>*

CRIATURAS DEL REINO

Can we cal - cu - late our giv - ing, plac - ing lim - its on our praise when the  
 Great or small the treas - ure of - fered, each is e - qual in your sight; fra - grance  
 God's com - mu - ni - ty is liv - ing far be - yond our walls of faith. Ev - ery

bles - sings we are giv - en mul - ti - ply and grace our days? Let us  
 poured from al - a - bas - ter val - ued as a wid - ow's mite. Bless our  
 tithe that serves cre - a - tion will be val - ued in its place. Be it

share from life's a - bun - dance. God pro - vides e - nough to spare, shak - en  
 giv - ing and re - ceiv - ing. Each of us can do our part, giv - ing  
 home or glo - bal mis - sion, an - y cause that strength - ens worth will be

down and pressed to - geth - er, o - ver - flow - ing ev - ery - where.  
 for the sake of giv - ing, flow - ing from a gen - 'rous heart.  
 hon - ored in our giv - ing as a bless - ing for God's earth.

Prayers of the People

God who provides...  
**Help us share from life's abundance.**

## 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 317

*Amen*

AMEN

Invitation to Stewardship

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

*Take My Life and Let it Be*

Mr. Collins

Doxology 47

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-16

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*The Struggle Is Real*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

*"Survival is not an academic skill. It is learning how to stand alone, unpopular and sometimes reviled, and how to make common cause with those others identified as outside the structures in order to define and seek a world in which we can all flourish. It is learning how to take our differences and make them strengths. For the master's tools will never dismantle the master's house. They may allow us temporarily to beat him at his own game, but they will never enable us to bring about genuine change. And this fact is only threatening to those women who still define the master's house as their only source of support."*

—Audre Lorde, *The Selected Works of Audre Lorde*

Hymn of Communion 381

*Take My Gifts*

TALAVERA TERRACE

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 620	<i>The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow</i>	SOMEHOW
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>O Christ, the Healer</i> And all the people said... <b>AMEN!</b>	Mr. Collins

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

Today's artwork is *Enough* © Lauren Wright Pittman. [www.lewpstudio.com](http://www.lewpstudio.com) Pittman writes, "She is a woman I know well—one whose strength and connection with the Holy Spirit are as apparent as her beauty, but her voice is stifled, questioned, and ignored. Narrow mindedness and fear have done their best to keep her quiet. Enough silencing her. If you'd only listen to her, you'd learn she contains multitudes."

<sup>1</sup>Words by Danny A. Belrose, 2002

Flowers in the chancel are in memory of Bud Simmons in honor of his and Polly's wedding anniversary (7/2/1971).

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 7/3: 11am - *Two or More* scripture discussion group  
6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship
- Mon., 7/4: Church office closed for Independence Day observance  
7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 7/5: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*  
6-8pm - Labyrinth available (First Tuesday/month)
- Wed., 7/6: 7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative

\*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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