

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

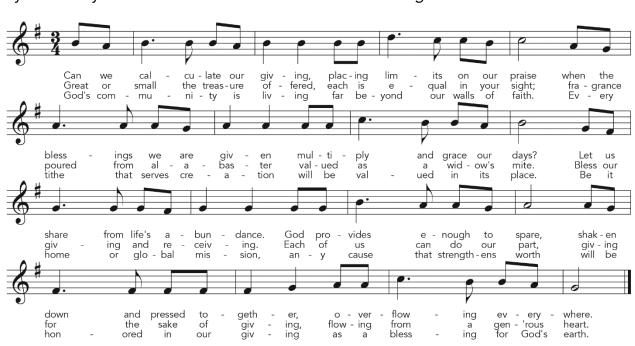
Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer

Can We Calculate Our Giving¹

CRIATURAS DEL REINO



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

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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 SOMEHOW

The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow

Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude O Christ, the Healer 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 Enough© Lauren Wright Pittman. 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."

¹Words 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 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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