



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

Worship of God

August 7, 2022, 9:30am: The Ninth 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

Now Sing to our God

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"I don't have many certainties about God. I do have many hopes. Chief among them is that it's true what they say: that God is love, is made of love, and looks at the faces of you and me and my gramma and, without hesitation or demand, delights."

—Cole Arthur Riley, *This Here Flesh*

Hymn of Praise 8

All Praise to God for Song God Gives

SACRED SONG

Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer

The Love of God'

LOVE OF GOD



The love of God is great - er far than tongue or pen can ev - er
When years of time shall pass a - way and earth - ly thrones and king - doms
Could we with ink the o - cean fill and were the skies of parch - ment



tell; it goes be - yond the high - est star, and reach - es to the low - est hell. The guilt - y
fall, when ones who here re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills and moun - tains call. God's love so
made, were ev - ery stalk on earth a quill and ev - ery one a scribe by trade. To write the



pair, bowed down with care, God gave the son to win; The err - ing child God re - con -
sure shall still en - dure, all mea - sure - less and strong. Re - deem - ing grace for time and
love of God a - bove would drain the o - cean dry; nor could the scroll con - tain the



ciled, and par - doned from all sin. O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea - sure -
space, the saints' and an - gels' song. to sky. less and strong!
whole, though stretched from sky to sky.



less and strong! It shall for - ev - er - more en - dure, the saints' and an - gels' song!

Prayers of the People

God of Love...
Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer 310

HAAS

Invitation to Stewardship

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

We Call Ourselves Disciples

Mr. Collins

Doxology 528

Doxology

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's son. And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich," Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

The Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

More than Victorious

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Sometimes standing against evil is more important than defeating it. The greatest heroes stand because it is right to do so, not because they believe they will walk away with their lives. Such selfless courage is a victory in itself."

—N. D. Wilson, *Dandelion Fire*

Hymn of Communion 491

As Grain on Scattered Hillsides

MERLE'S TUNE

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Bob Maxwell

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 357

We Call Ourselves Disciples

LANCASHIRE

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Collins

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

Today's artwork is *God's Pure Love (2012)* by Deborah Lynn Brown

¹Words by Frederick M. Lehman; v. 3 by Meir Ben Isaac Nehoral

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 8/7: 11am - *Two or More* scripture discussion group
6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship
Mon., 8/8: 5-7pm - Bible, Burger & Beer at the Foundry
7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
Tue., 8/9: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
Wed., 8/10: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
Thu., 8/11: 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 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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