



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

## Worship of God

October 23, 2022, 9:30am: The Twentieth 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

*How Firm a Foundation*

Mr. Evan Collins

## Meditation for Preparation

“What kind of person actually sits down and decides that no one should be allowed to end a sentence with a preposition? Not even decide what ideas you should or shouldn't talk about, but to actually make rules about what order to put your words in... It's such an amazing kind of petty tyranny.”

—Jonathan Blum & Kate Orman, *Doctor Who: Vampire Science*

Hymn of Praise 24

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

Invocation

Rev. Ron Dauphin

Hymn of Prayer 596

*Wellspring of Wisdom*

WELLSPRING

Prayers of the People

Wellspring of wisdom...  
**Hear our cry.**

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 314

*Amen*

ROBINSON

Invitation to Stewardship

Ms. Lauri Warfield

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

Offertory

*We Gather Together*

The Whitechapel Ringers

Doxology

*Doxology*

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace, source and end of human knowledge, grace bestowing without cease. Celebrate the Maker's glory, pow'r to rescue and release.**

The Reading

John 7:37-44

Rev. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*What, Who, and Where From?*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"I embrace identity politics because for the marginalized, the disadvantaged, and the minority groups still grappling for purchase in our politics, identity is the strongest defense against invisibility... Difference is real, and to acknowledge such does no harm to the American identity as a whole. The vibrance of our identity politics reaffirms the complexity of our nation and the underpinning of our founding."

–Stacie Abrams, *Our Time Is Now*

Hymn of Communion 80

*My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Nancy Walker

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 669

*O Young and Fearless Prophet*

LLANGLOFFAN

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*We Are One in the Spirit*  
And all the people said...

Mr. Collins

**AMEN!**

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

Today's artwork is of NGC 3324 in the Carina Nebula and was captured in infrared light from NASA's new James Webb Space Telescope.

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 10/23: 11am - Luncheon in honor of Dan Walker's service as Treasurer  
6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship
- Mon., 10/24: 7pm - YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart
- Tue., 10/25: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*  
4pm - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting (hybrid)  
6:30 - Christian Education Committee meeting (hybrid)
- Wed., 10/26: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
- Thu., 10/27: 3pm - Diaconate Leaders meeting (Elders' conference room)

\*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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