

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

## Worship of God

January 1, 2023, 9:30am: The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of God is with you!

Ms. Lauri Warfield

And also with you!

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Ms. Warfield

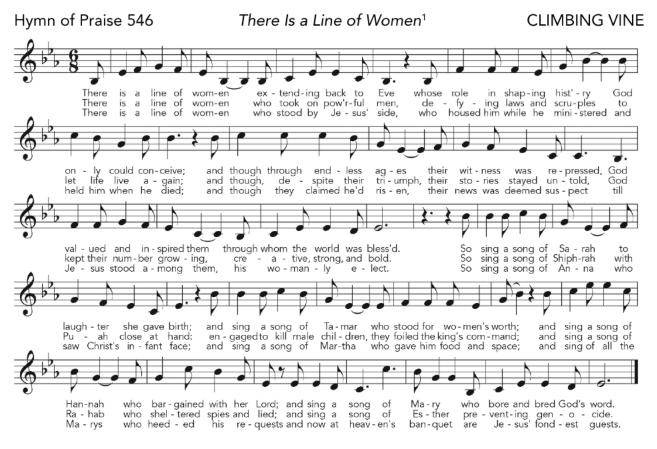
We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude Mr. Evan Collins

## Meditation for Preparation

"The line between amazed and terrified is pretty thin. Especially when it comes to living into a new thing God is doing with us and through us, amazed and terrified usually go hand in hand."

-Caroline Hamilton Arnold, "Christmas Eve" Be Ready: An Advent Devotional



Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer 565

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If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

Prayers of the People

Ms. Nancy Walker

God who inspires our trust...

Let us find your promise true to be.

| 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. |  |  |
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| Congregational Response 31  | 7 Amen   | AMEN   |
| Invitation to Stewardship<br>Our regular tithes and offering  | s support the budgeted ministries o              | Mr. Dan Clark of WACC.                         |
| Offertory   |  | Mr. Collins                                    |
| O God of vision far greater than all human scheming, gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming. Show us anew life in your breath-taking view, lovely beyond all our dreaming.   |  |  |
| The Reading  For the Word of God  | Esther 4:13-16<br>d in its promise and covenant. | Mr. Don Hange, Jr.<br><b>Thanks be to God.</b> |
| Sermon  | For Just Such a Time as This                     | Mr. Hange, Jr.                                 |
| Discipline of Silence "have you ever found God in church? I never did. I just found a bunch of folks hoping for him to show. Any God I ever felt in church I brought in with me. And I think all the other folks did too. They come to church to share God, not find God."  —Alice Walker, The Color Purple   |  |  |
| Hymn of Communion 416<br>Here,  | O My Lord, I See Thee Face                       | CONSOLATION<br>to Face                         |
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Invitation to Commune

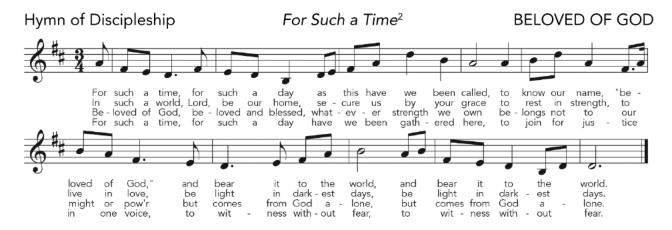
Prayer at the Table

Words of Institution

Ms. Debby Willets

Ms. Megan Doan

Ms. Willets



Benediction and Charge

Ms. Jane Hutson

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 *Esther*, by Yael Harris Resnick, <a href="https://yaelharrisresnick.com/">https://yaelharrisresnick.com/</a>
<sup>1</sup>Words by John L. Bell, 2002

<sup>2</sup>Words by David Wright, 1966

## **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Today, 1/1: 11am - Two or More scripture discussion group (Gibbens room)

6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship

Mon., 1/2: 7pm - YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart

Tue., 1/3: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using The Upper Room (on Zoom)\*

Wed., 1/4: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative

\*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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