

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

Worship of God

January 15, 2023, 9:30am: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of God is with you!
And also with you!

Ms. Glennis Covault

Call to Worship

Lift up your hearts...
We lift them to the Lord!

Ms. Covault

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that."

—The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Loving Your Enemies*

Hymn of Praise 100

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Invocation

Mr. Jeff Evans

Hymn of Prayer

With a Word, You Birthed Creation

VERBUM



With a word, you birthed cre - a - tion, giv - ing shape to bound - less space, cast - ing light through vel - vet
With a word, you raised up proph - ets, for a parched and yearn - ing earth, bring - ing hope to thirst - y
With a Word, you came a - mong us, born in flesh and full of grace. In the bod - y of Christ



dark - ness by the bril - liance of your grace. With a word, you formed all be - ings, fill - ing land, air, and
peo - ple with the prom - ise of new birth. With a word, you fired their vi - sions with the pow'r of your
Je - sus, you re - vealed your hu - man face. With his Word, you still in - spire us for the work that we



sea; hu - man crea - tures, in your im - age, by your sov - ereign, "Let there be."
dreams: "Let my jus - tice roll like wa - ters; and my peace, like flow - ing streams."
do: "Love and live for one an - oth - er, as I lived and died for you."

Prayers of the People

God whose word gives birth...
Inspire us for the work we do.

The Lord's Prayer

ALL

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.

Sung Response 318

Amen

AMEN

Invitation to Stewardship		Mr. Mark Mathes
	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.	
Offertory	<i>Colorful Creator</i>	Mr. Collins
Doxology	<i>Doxology</i>	LAUDA ANIMA
	Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed. God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!	
The Reading	Matthew 4:12-17	Mr. Collins
	For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...	
	Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	<i>Fulfilling Prophecy</i>	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence		
	"If the task of prophecy is to empower people to engage in history, then it means evoking cries that expect answers, learning to address them where they will be taken seriously, and ceasing to look to the numbed and dull empire that never intended to answer in the first place."	
	–Walter Brueggemann, <i>The Prophetic Imagination</i>	
Hymn of Communion 280	<i>God Is Here!</i>	ABBOT'S LEIGH
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer at the Table		Mr. Mathes
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship	<i>God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal</i>	JOYFUL SINGING
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Mr. Collins



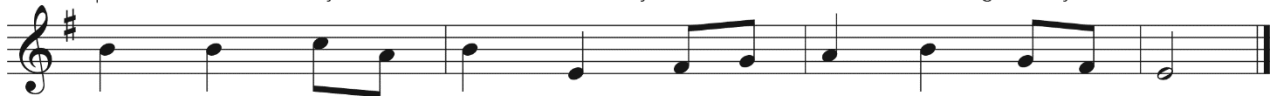
God of dawn, each day's re - new - al brings the world in - to your light as your
 Christ, you walked the world as we do, knew its hu - man pain and loss as your
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in - spi - ra - tion, light and truth and root of prayer, as your
 Praise to God, who spoke cre - a - tion, giv - ing life to time and space. Praise to



son love de - feats the shad - ows, drives a - way the fear of night. We would
 love broke through the bar - riers, by your death up - on the cross. We still
 chal - lenge moves us for - ward, tak - ing us we know not where, we will
 Christ, whose liv - ing pres - ence showed the world your hu - man face. Praise the



greet this new be - gin - ning as you call to start a - gain; lead us
 speak your gos - pel mes - sage, though two thou - sand years have gone; help us
 fol - low your di - rec - tion, though the way may not be clear. Shape us,
 Spir - it, dai - ly wit - ness to your ev - er - lov - ing way. Take us



on with hope and cour - age, make your will pres - ent pur - pose plain.
 now trans - late its mean - ing in this pres - ent world of wrong.
 change us, re - cre - ate us, so the fu - ture holds no fear.
 now and re - a - wake us, chal - lenge us to use this day.

¹Lyrics by Mary Louise Bringle, 2006

²Lyrics by Marjorie Dobson, 2004

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, January 15: 11:00am: Two or More
6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship
- Monday, January 16: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Church office closed)
4-6pm: Calling Hours and Memorial for Melanie Majewski (Dicken FH)
- Tuesday, January 17: 5:00pm: Outreach Committee meeting via Zoom
7:00pm: Joanna Circle via Zoom
- Wednesday, January 18: 7:00pm: theAlternative: YouTube Premiere



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