



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

## Worship of God

January 29, 2023, 9:30am: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Mr. Evan Collins

Call to Worship

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

Mr. Collins

## Meditation for Preparation

"In the narrative of American history, especially the kind told in our nation's textbooks, the movement didn't seek racial justice as much as it sought a race-neutral society. American history hugs colorblindness. If you can't see race you certainly can't see racial responsibility. You can simply remain blind to your own advantages. When some of you say, "I don't see color," you are either well-intending naïfs or willful race evaders. In either case you don't help the cause. The failure to see color only benefits white America. A world without color is a world without racial debt."

–Michael Eric Dyson, *Tears We Cannot Stop*

## Hymn of Praise 655

## Community of Christ

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## Invocation

Ms. Lisa Ward

## Hymn of Prayer

Let Justice Roll Like a River<sup>1</sup>

JUSTICE

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash all op - pres - sion a - way; come, O God, and  
 take us, move and shake us, come now, and make us a - new, that we may live just - ly like you.  
 How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your mer - cy to dawn, the  
 Hear this, all of you who use the poor in your thirst of pow - er and rich - es: the  
 E - ven now re - turn to me, let your hearts be bro - ken and hum - ble, for  
 day we beat our swords in - to plows, when your peace reigns o - ver the earth?  
 Lord will turn your laugh - ter to tears, on the won - drous day of our God.  
 I am gra - cious, gen - 'rous, and kind; come and seek the mer - cies of God.

## Prayers of the People

God of justice...  
**Wipe all oppression away.**

Invitation to Stewardship

Ms. Nancy Walker

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

Offertory

*Sing to the Lord*

WACC Community Choir

Doxology 15

*Doxology*

MARION

**Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore. Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

The Reading

Isaiah 42:1-5; 10-16

Mr. Collins

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Birthing Justice*

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"It is not that I dwell on the past. But the past shapes the way we are in the present and the way we will become what we are destined to become. It is only because I have finally understood the past, accepted it, embraced it, that I can fully live in the moment. And hardly a moment goes by when I don't think about Emmett, and the lessons a son can teach a mother."

–Mamie Till-Mobley, *Death of Innocence*

Hymn of Communion 502

*Come, You Disconsolate*

CONSOLATOR

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Megan Rowe

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*We Are Called<sup>2</sup>*

WE ARE CALLED

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Ms. Maire Pasquinelli & Mr. Collins

And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign,  
 to be light for the king - dom, to live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!  
 to be hope for the hope - less so all ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more! We are  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!  
 called to act with just - ice, we are called to love ten - der - ly, we are called to  
 serve one an - oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God!

<sup>1</sup>Lyrics by Marty Haugen, 1991

<sup>2</sup>Lyrics by David Haas, 1998

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 29:	11:00am	Becoming WACC: Dining Room and Library
	6:00pm:	YouTube Premiere of morning worship
Monday, January 30	1:30pm:	Permanent Funds Trustees & Stewardship Meet with Christian Church Foundation
	7:00pm:	Children: Worship & Wonder online
Tuesday, January 31	7:30am:	Upper Room Devotional gathering via Zoom
	11:00am:	Memorial for Jack Price at WACC
Wednesday, February 1	7:00pm:	theAlternative: YouTube Premiere



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