



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

Worship of God

February 12, 2023, 9:30am: The Sixth 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

“Of all the musical elements we’ll have to work out as we learn this piece, ensemble rhythm is perhaps the trickiest to communicate, hear, and achieve. Rhythm has an emotional life, and it has to be felt by all of us in unison. Adhering too strictly to tempo, for instance, can elicit a mechanical performance. The timing needs a certain elasticity, it needs to breathe. Sometimes you want to hold on to a note a little longer or let go a little sooner.”

–Stacy Horn, *Imperfect Harmony*

Hymn of Praise 12

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

ABERYSTWYTH

Invocation

Ms. Mary Siwierka

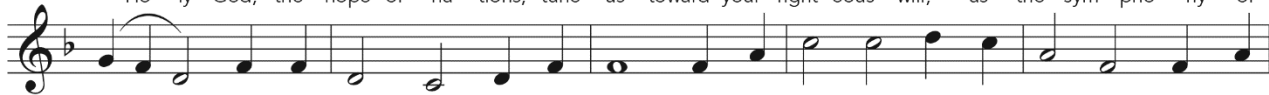
Hymn of Prayer

*Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning*¹

BEACH SPRING



Ho - ly Wis - dom, lamp of learn - ing, bless the light that rea - son lends. Teach us judg - ment as we
Vine of truth, in you we flour - ish; by your grace we learn and grow. May the word of Christ a -
Ho - ly God, the hope of na - tions, tune us toward your right - eous will, as the sym - pho - ny of



kin - dle sparks of thought your Spir - it sends. Sanc - ti - fy our search for know - ledge and the
mong us shape our life, our search to know. Joined to Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, may we
a - ges claims our best, our fin - est skill. Shape our search for peace and jus - tice through pro -



truth that sets us free. Come, il - lu - mine mind and spir - it joined in deep - est u - ni - ty.
help the church con - vey wit - ness to the sav - ing gos - pel, bear - ing fruit of faith to - day.
phet - ic deed and word. Christ, con - duct us, set our rhy - thm, that God's praise be ev - er heard.

Prayers of the People

*Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning...***Set our rhythm that your praise be ever heard.**

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 121

Prepare the Way of the Lord

PREPARE THE WAY

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

Invitation to Stewardship

Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown

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

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Mr. Collins

Doxology 23

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 11:7-19

Mr. Collins

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rhythms of Grace

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"To live is to be musical, starting with the blood dancing in your veins. Everything living has a rhythm. Do you feel your music?"

–Michael Jackson

Hymn of Communion 408

Come, Share the Lord

DIVERNON

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

Grace Moves in Rhythms²

GRACEFUL RHYTHMS



Grace moves in rhy-thms both an - cient and new, ev - er cre - a - tive yet
 Grace sings in si - lence when sor - row draws near, weep - ing like Je - sus and
 Grace speaks in ac - cents both state - ly and free, drum - beat and heart - beat
 Grace sounds the trum - pet of jus - tice and peace, bring - ing good news of the
 Grace moves in rhy - thms that car - ry us on, call - ing God's peo - ple to



stead - y and true. Sound - ing in pat - terns we fol - low by heart, grace keeps the tem - po when
 shar - ing our tears. Then, when the ta - ble of mourn - ing is spread, joy can sur - prise us in
 chal - leng - ing key. Grace is con - duc - tor, the church is the choir. Vi - brant and var - ied are
 pris - 'ner's re - lease. Grace is the drum - beat that calls us to move, show - ing in ac - tion the
 sing a new song, free - ing the faith - ful to work and to dare live by the gos - pel with



life falls a - part. Grace keeps the tem - po when life falls a - part.
 break - ing of bread. Joy can sur - prise us in break - ing of bread.
 sounds grace in - spires! Vi - brant and var - ied are sounds grace in - spires!
 meas - ure of love. Show - ing in ac - tion the meas - ure of love.
 cour - age and care. Live by the gos - pel of cour - age and care.

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

The Summons

Mr. Collins

And all the people said...AMEN!

¹Lyrics by Ruth Duck, 1996

²Lyrics by Ruth Duck, 2005

Today's artwork is Rhythms of Grace by Hector Garcia. <https://fineartamerica.com/featured/rhythms-of-grace-hector-garcia.html>

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, February 12: 11:00am Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group in the Gibbens Room
6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship
- Monday, February 13 7:00pm: Children: Worship & Wonder online
- Tuesday, February 14 7:30am: Upper Room Devotional gathering via Zoom
5:30pm: Elders' Meeting in the Dining Room and via Zoom
7:00pm: Board Meeting in the Music Room and via Zoom
- Wednesday, February 15 7:00pm: theAlternative: YouTube Premiere



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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