



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

## Worship of God

February 26, 2023, 9:30am: The First Sunday in Lent

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

*Prelude No. 1 in C Major*

Ms. Brianna Bell

Meditation for Preparation

“Stories you read when you're the right age never quite leave you. You may forget who wrote them or what the story was called. Sometimes you'll forget precisely what happened, but if a story touches you it will stay with you, haunting the places in your mind that you rarely ever visit.”

–Neil Gaiman, *M is for Magic*

Hymn of Praise 688

*When, in Awe of God's Creation*

HYFRYDOL

Invocation

Ms. Kristen Mayer

Hymn of Prayer 180

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

Prayers of the People

God of all creation...  
**Abide with us throughout this life.**

The Lord's Prayer 310

HAAS

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Invitation to Stewardship

Mr. Gerald Western

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

Offertory

*Canon in D Major*

Ms. Bell

Doxology 200

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

PICARDY

**To God and to the Lamb we will sing, we will sing, to God and to the Lamb we will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I Am," while millions join the theme, we will sing, we will sing, while millions join the theme, we will sing!**

The Reading

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17, 21-25; 3:1-7  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God.**

Rev. Russell

Sermon

*Redeeming Stories: Eve & the Desire for Wisdom*

Rev. Russell

## Discipline of Silence

"You are moving in the direction of freedom and the function of freedom is to free somebody else. You are moving toward self-fulfillment and the consequences of that fulfillment should be to discover that there is something just as important as you are and that just as important thing may be your stepsister."

—Toni Morrison, *Cinderella's Stepsisters*

Hymn of Communion 714      *For the Fruit of All Creation*      AR HYD Y NOS

Invitation to Commune      Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table      Mr. Western

Words of Institution      Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship      Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship      *There Is a Line of Women*      CLIMBING VINE

There is a line of wom-en ex - tend - ing back to Eve whose role in shap - ing hist' - ry God  
There is a line of wom - en who took on pow'r - ful men, de - fy - ing laws and scru - ples to  
There is a line of wom - en who stood by Je - sus' side, who housed him while he mini - stered and  
on - ly could con - ceive; and though through end - less ag - es their wit - ness was re - pressed, God  
let life live a - gain; and though, de - spite their tri - umph, their sto - ries stayed un - told, God  
held him when he died; and though they claimed he'd ri - sen, their news was deemed sus - pect till  
val - ued and in - spired them through whom the world was bless'd. So sing a song of Sa - rah - to  
kept their num - ber grow - ing, cre - a - tive, strong, and bold. So sing a song of Siph - rah with  
Je - sus stood a - mong them, his wo - man - ly e - lect. So sing a song of An - na who  
laugh - ter she gave birth; and sing a song of Ta - mar who stood for wo - men's worth; and sing a song of  
Pu - ah close at hand: en - gaged to kill male chil - dren, they foiled the king's com - mand; and sing a song of  
saw Christ's in - fant face; and sing a song of Mar - tha who gave him food and space; and sing of all the  
Han - nah who bar - gained with her Lord; and sing a song of Ma - ry who bore and bred God's Word.  
Ra - hab who shel - tered spies and lied; and sing a song of Es - ther pre - vent - ing gen - o - cide.  
Ma - rys who heed - ed his re - quests and now at heav - en's ban - quest are Je - sus' fond - est guests.

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Reverie*

Ms. Bell

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

<sup>1</sup>Lyrics by John L. Bell, 2002

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 26:	11:00am	Becoming WACC in the Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm:	YouTube Premiere of morning worship
Monday, February 27	2:00pm:	Clergy Renewal Grant Committee Meeting
	7:00pm:	Wondering through Lent (Zoom)
Tuesday, February 28	7:30am:	Upper Room Devotional gathering (Zoom)
	4:00pm:	Church Life & Growth Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
	5:30pm:	Christian Education Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
Wednesday, February 29	7:00pm:	theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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