

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

Worship of God

June 11, 2023, 9:30am: The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour The Atwood Carillon

Greeting The Spirit of God is with you... Ms. Glennis Covault

And also with you!

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Ms. Covault We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude

Meditation for Preparation

"What is God like? That's a very big question, one that people from places all around the world, throughout all time, have answered in many different ways. Keep searching. Keep wondering. Keep learning about God."

-Rachel Held Evans & Matthew Paul Turner, What is GOD Like?

Hymn of Praise 10

Bring Many Names

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Invocation

Ms. Susan Mathes

Hymn of Prayer 244

Loving Spirit

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Prayers of the People

Loving Spirit, Friend and Lover... Hold our life within your own.

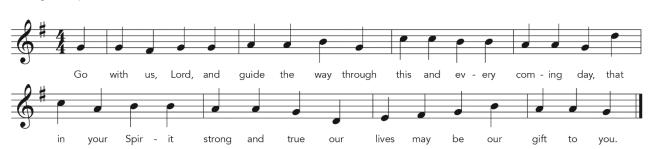
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Sung Response

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON



Invitation to Stewardship

Mr. Don Hange, Jr.

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

Offertory

Plant a Seed in Your Heart

Mr. Falkofsky

who binds u	Now Thank We All Our God d thanks to God our Father and our Mother, to s to each other, the one eternal God, whom ea as, is now, and shall be evermore.	
The Reading	Matthew 13:31-35 For the Word of God in its promise and covena Thanks be to God.	Rev. Nathan A. Russell ant
Sermon	God: The OG They/Them	Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Some theologies say it is not an individual but a collective people who bear the image of God. I quite like this, because it means we need a diversity of people to reflect God more fully. Anything less and the image becomes pixelated and grainy, still beautiful but lacking clarity. If God really is three parts in one like they say, it means that God's wholeness is in a multitude."

-Cole Arthur Riley, This Here Flesh

Hymn of Communion 83 Mothering God, You Gave me Birth

JULIAN

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Commune

Postlude

Mr. Hange, Jr.

Prayer at the Table Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

How Can We Name A Love²

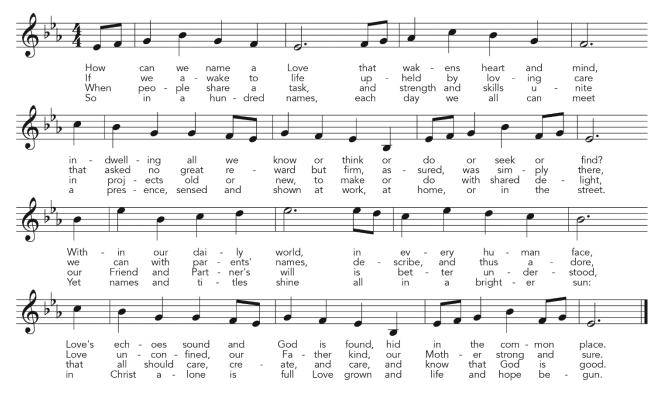
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Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Joyful Rondo And all the people said... Mr. Falkofsky

AMFN!



Today's artwork is The Sower (1888) by Vincent van Gogh.

¹ Lyrics by Mary Jackson Cathey, 1990

² Lyrics by Brian Wren, 1975, rev. 1995.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 11 11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group (Gibbens Room)

6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship

Monday, June 12 5:00pm: Bible, Burger, and Beer at The Foundry Bar and Grill

Tuesday, June 13 7:30am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)

5:30pm: Elders' Meeting (Hybrid) 7:00pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Thursday, June 15 10:00pm: All-Church Social Hour (Zoom)

5-9pm: Third Thursday at Ely Square

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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