

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

Worship of God

June 18, 2023, 9:30am: The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of God is with you...

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

And also with you!

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Meditation for Preparation

"When did we decide some parts of the body of Christ were either less worthy of honor or even unwanted? What does it do to the wholeness and power we can achieve when we seek to exclude some from the body because "they aren't really like us"? We all possess unique gifts, given to us by God, necessary not only for our own well-being but for the well-being of our community."

-Karen Oliveto, Together at the Table

Hymn of Praise 631

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

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Invocation Ms. Susan Mathes

Hymn of Prayer 365 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the People Water, River, Spirit Grace... Sweep over us.

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 366

Water, River, Spirit, Grace

TRES RIOS

Invitation to Stewardship

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

Mr. Mark Wainwright

Offertory Lead Me, Guide Me Mr. Falkofsky

Praise to the Living God DIADEMATA

Praise to the living God, around, within, above, beyond the grasp of human mind,
but whom we know as Love. In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,

may we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

The Reading

Matthew 15:1-9 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Making Void or Making Valid Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

Hymn of Communion 391

Postlude

"We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men or women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must—at that moment—become the center of the universe."

-Elie Wiesel, 1986 Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech

Rev. Russell

LAYING DOWN

Mr. Falkofsky

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

These I Lay Down

Prayer at the Table Mr. Mark Mathes

Words of Institution Rev. Russell

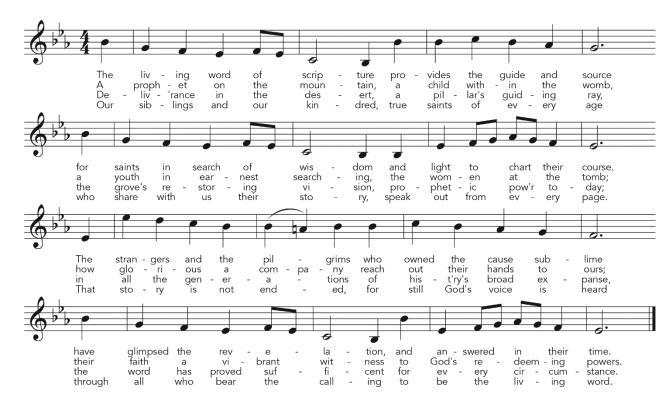
Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship The Living Word of Scripture NYLAND

Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Duo and Fanfare on ST. DENIO And all the people said...

AMEN!



¹Hymn lyrics by Geoffrey F. Spencer, 1980.

Today's artwork is Ignorance = Fear / Silence = Death (1989) by Keith Haring.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given by Susan & Mark Mathes in honor of their grandchildren.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 18 10:45am Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

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

YouTube Premiere of morning worship 6:00pm:

Monday, June 19 Office Closed for Juneteenth

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

Tuesday, June 20 7:30am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom) 5:00pm: Outreach Committee Meeting (Hybrid)

> 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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