



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

Worship of God

July 2, 2023, 9:30am: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Ms. Lauri Warfield

Call to Worship

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

Ms. Warfield

Prelude

In Quiet Mood

Mx. Sol Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

“People who like to comfort themselves with the idea that disability does not exist in new creation are centering their ableist discomfort in someone else’s story—in my story. My disability is not for others to write. My body is not an empty canvas on which nondisabled people can paint their fantasies of new creation.”

—Amy Kenny, *My Body Is Not a Prayer Request*

Hymn of Praise 288

O God of Vision

LOBE DENN HERREN

Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer 293

Out of Need and Out of Custom

GATHERING

Prayers of the People

God of human transformation...
For your presence now we pray.

Ms. Nancy Walker

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 305

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Invitation to Stewardship

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

Dr. Chad Vickers

Offertory

Adagio

Mx. Rizzato

Doxology

*Praise with Joy the World’s Creator*¹

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, one God in community, calling Christians to embody oneness and diversity. Thus the world shall yet believe when shown Christ’s vibrant unity.

The Reading

Matthew 15:29-39

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Affirming Action

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

“The only way out of this morass — for all of us — is to stare at racial disparity unblinkingly, and then do what evidence and experts tell us is required to level the playing field and march forward together, collectively striving to achieve true equality for all Americans. It is no small irony that the judgment the majority hands down today will forestall the end of race-based disparities in this country, making the colorblind world the majority wistfully touts much more difficult to accomplish.”

–The Hon. Ketanji Brown-Jackson

Hymn of Communion 384

Here at Thy Table, Lord

BREAD OF LIFE

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Ron Dauphin

Prayer at the Table

Ms. N. Walker

Words of Institution

Rev. Dauphin

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 461

HYFRYDOL

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Praeludium in F Major
And all the people said...

Mx. Rizzato

AMEN!



Lord, whose love through hum - ble serv - ice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light go,
 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed;
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth the great - ness, dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your serv - ants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,
 As, O Lord, your deep and pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs com - bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 use the love your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 stir - ring us to tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your serv - ants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

¹Hymn lyrics by the Iona Community, 1985.

Today's artwork is *Monarch* by Joni Eareckson Tada.

Flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Jan Moore in memory of her parents, Robert and Ora (Hank) Moore on their birthdays and by Polly Simmons in memory of her and Bud Simmons' anniversary.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, July 2 11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group (Gibbens Room)
 6:00pm: YouTube premiere of morning worship
 Tuesday, July 4 Church Office Closed
 7:30am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)



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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