

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

Worship of God

July 23, 2023, 9:30am: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

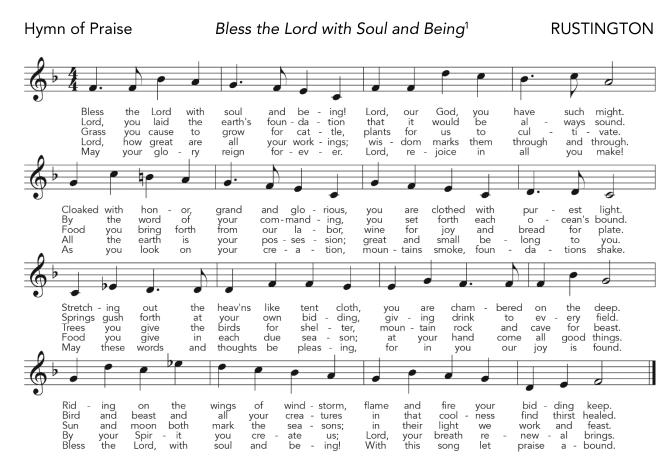
Lift up your hearts...
We lift them to the Lord!

Rev. Russell

Meditation for Preparation

"You don't necessarily have to do anything once you acknowledge your privilege... You could, however, use that privilege for the greater good—to try to level the playing field for everyone, to work for social justice, to bring attention to how those without certain privileges are disenfranchised. While you don't have to do anything with your privilege, perhaps it should be an imperative of privilege to share the benefits of that privilege rather than hoard your good fortune."

-Roxanne Gay, Peculiar Benefits



Invocation

Dr. Chad Vickers

Hymn of Prayer 535

Faith, While Trees are Still in Blossom

KINGDOM

Prayers of the People

Faithful God...

Grant us the faith to accept your call.

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 526

The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Invitation to Stewardship

Mr. Dan Clark

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

Offertory

Afternoon Prelude

Mr. Falkofsky

PLEADING SAVIOR For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

The Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Equality Achieved

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"If we cite the Bible, and yet fail to live according to its codes, the Bible becomes just another book. But when we live it, it becomes powerful. If you believe it, the words of scripture say that we become living epistles in whose life others read the presence of God."

-Michael Eric Dyson, Tears We Cannot Stop

Hymn of Communion 417 We Place upon Your Table, Lord

WINCHESTER NEW

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table Ms. Megan Doan

Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 357 We Call Ourselves Disciples LANCASHIRE

Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude Now the Day is Over Mr. Falkofsky
And all the people said...

AMEN!

Today's artwork is The Red Vineyards near Arles (1888) by Vincent Van Gogh. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Red_Vineyard

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 23 11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group (Gibbens Room)

6:00pm: YouTube premiere of morning worship

Monday, July 24 6:00pm: Director of Worship & the Arts Search Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 25 7:30am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)

8:00pm: Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, July 27 10:00am All-Church Social Hour (Zoom)

6:00pm: Director of Worship & the Arts Search Committee

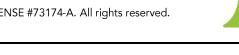
Meeting



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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¹Hymn lyrics by Fred R. Anderson, 1986.