



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

August 6, 2023, 9:30am:

The Tenth 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

Prelude

*Poco Lento*

Mx. Sol Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

“You can safely assume you’ve created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.”

—Anne Lamott, *Bird by Bird*

Hymn of Praise

*God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice*<sup>1</sup>

MARION

God reigns! Let earth re - joice! Let o - ceans shout God's might! Borne  
 God's fire ig - nites the clouds with judg - ment swift and just; the  
 False i - dols rise to claim the weak - ness of our pride, but  
 The ra - dianciance of God's light beams joy in - to our days; now  
 up by truth and righ - teous - ness, God's throne is our de - light!  
 e - vil find their deeds in vain; God's foes are brought to dust!  
 can - not touch the faith - ful ones, for God stands at our side.  
 filled with God's own peace and love, our hearts re - sound with praise.

Re - joice! Re - joice! God reigns! Let earth re - joice!

Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer 71

*Your Love, O God*

VICAR

Prayers of the People

Loving God...

Rev. Russell

**Set our feet in freedom's open space.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Mother/Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin\*dom 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 314

*Amen*

AMEN

Invitation to Stewardship

Dr. Steve Mayer

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

Offertory

Ms. Angel Tyler & Rev. Russell

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Doxology 25

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

**Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and races, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces. Let the Amen sound from God's people again. Gladly forever sing praises.**

The Reading

Romans 2:1-11

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Judgment Call*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"It is very easy to sit in judgment upon the behavior of others but often difficult to realize that every judgment is a self-judgment... What I condemn in others may be but a reflection of myself in the mirror."

—Howard Thurman, *Meditations of the Heart*

Hymn of Communion 700

*O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

ST. MICHAEL

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Don Hange, Jr.

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*Though the Spirit's Gifts are Many<sup>2</sup>*

JOYOUS LIGHT

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Toccata in E Minor*

Mx. Rizzato

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

<sup>1</sup>Lyrics by Michael Morgan, 2010

<sup>2</sup>Lyrics by David Cambrell, 2002, vv.1-3; Nathan A. Russell, 2023; v. 4

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK

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|---------------------|---|
| Sunday, August 6    | 11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group (Gibbens Room) |
|                     | 6:00pm: YouTube premiere of morning worship                     |
| Monday, August 7    | 7:00pm: Creation Care Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)            |
| Tuesday, August 8   | 7:30am: Upper Room Social Hour (Zoom)                           |
| Thursday, August 10 | 10:00am: All-Church Social Hour (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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