

The People of
Washington Avenue
Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
gather for the
Worship of God
August 20, 2023, 9:30am:
The Twelfth Sunday

after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

Greeting

Call to Worship

The Spirit of God is with you...

And also with you!

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

The Atwood Carillon

Glennis Covault

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Meditation for Preparation

"For many of us, our approach to scripture has centered on discerning the one, true meaning of the text and to strive to live into that truth in our lives. What if I told you that scripture is a maze with no exit, a labyrinth that lures us in only to never let us go? What would you say if I told you that the purpose of scripture is to keep us running, searching, striving—to catalyze our desire to love God and neighbor? Would you kick off your Asics in disgust? Or would you begin to see your forays into the biblical maze in a different light?"

-Jacob D. Myers, Making Love with Scripture

Hymn of Praise 375

In Water We Grow

STANLEY BEACH

Invocation

Hymn of Prayer 596

Wellspring of Wisdom

WELLSPRING

Marty Rowe

Prayers of the People

Wellspring of wisdom... **Satisfy our thirst.**

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 kin*dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

Sung Response 366

Water, River, Spirit Grace

TRES RIOS

Invitation to Stewardship

Chad Vickers

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

Offertory

Prelude

Sol Rizzato

O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear, Alleluia,

Alleluia! O blazing fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight, O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Reading

John 7:37-44 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Stay Thirsty, My Friends

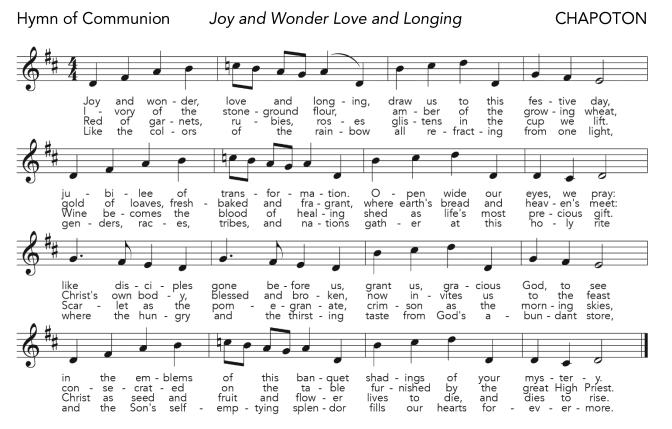
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Discipline of Silence

"Another morning and I wake with thirst for the goodness I do not have. I walk out to the pond and all the way God has given us such beautiful lessons. Oh Lord, I was never a guick scholar but sulked and hunched over my books past the hour and the bell; grant me, in your mercy, a little more time. Love for the earth and love for you are having such a long conversation in my heart. Who knows what will finally happen or where I will be sent, yet already I have given a great many things away, expecting to be told to pack nothing, except the prayers which, with this thirst, I am slowly learning."

-Mary Oliver, Thirst



Prayer at the Table Don Hange, Jr.

Words of Institution Nathan A. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 330 Alleluia! Hear God's Story W ZLOBIE LEZY

Benediction and Charge Nathan A. Russell

Postlude Litanies, JA 119 Sol Rizzato
And all the people said...

AMEN!

¹Lyrics by Mary Louise Bringle, 2002

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 20
11:00am: Brian McLaren Video (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm: YouTube premiere of morning worship
7:00pm Creation Care Team (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, August 22
Thursday, August 24
10:00am: Brian McLaren Video (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Creation Care Team (Fellowship Hall)
7:30am Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)

Thursday, August 24 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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