



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

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Glennis Covault

Call to Worship

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

Glennis Covault

Prelude

*Aria*

Sol Rizzato

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

Marty Rowe

Hymn of Prayer 596

*Wellspring of Wisdom*

WELLSPRING

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

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

Chad Vickers

Offertory

*Prelude*

Sol Rizzato

Doxology

*All Creatures of Our God Who Reigns* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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

Nathan A. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Stay Thirsty, My Friends*

Nathan A. Russell

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 quick 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*

Hymn of Communion

*Joy and Wonder Love and Longing*

CHAPOTON



Joy and won - der, love and long - ing, draw us to this fes - tive day,  
I - vory of the stone - ground flour, am - ber of the grow - ing wheat,  
Red of gar - nets, ru - bies, ros - es glis - tens in the cup we lift.  
Like the col - ors of the rain - bow all re - fract - ing from one light,



ju - bi - lee of trans - for - ma - tion. O - pen wide our eyes, we pray:  
gold of loaves, fresh - baked and fra - grant, where earth's bread and heav - en's meet:  
Wine be - comes the blood of heal - ing shed as life's most pre - cious gift.  
gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions gath - er at this ho - ly rite



like dis - ci - ples gone be - fore us, grant us, gra - cious God, to see  
Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, now in - vites us to the feast  
Scar - let as the pom - e - gran - ate, crim - son as the morn - ing skies,  
where the hun - gry and the thirst - ing taste from God's a - bun - dant store,



in the em - blems of this ban - quet shad - ings of your mys - ter - y.  
con - se - crat - ed on the ta - ble fur - nished by the great High Priest.  
Christ as seed and fruit and flow - er lives to die, and dies to rise.  
and the Son's self - emp - tying splen - dor fills our hearts for - ev - er - more.

Invitation to Commune

Nathan A. Russell

Prayer at the Table		Don Hange, Jr.
Words of Institution		Nathan A. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Nathan A. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 330	<i>Alleluia! Hear God's Story</i>	W ZLOBIE LEZY
Benediction and Charge		Nathan A. Russell
Postlude	<i>Litanies, JA 119</i> And all the people said... <b>AMEN!</b>	Sol Rizzato

<sup>1</sup>Lyrics 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
Monday, August 21	7:00pm	Creation Care Team (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, August 22	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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