

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

Worship of God

September 3, 2023, 9:30am: The Fourteenth 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 Christa Rakich

Meditation for Preparation

"Why then does he counsel these already humiliated people to turn the other cheek? Because this action robs the oppressor of the power to humiliate. The person who turns the other cheek is saying, in effect, "Try again. Your first blow failed to achieve its intended effect. I deny you the power to humiliate me. I am a human being just like you. Your status does not alter that fact. You cannot demean me."

-Walter Wink, Jesus and Nonviolence

Hymn of Praise 688

When, in Awe of God's Creation

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Invocation

Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer

Gentle God, When We Are Driven

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Prayers of the People

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The Lord's Prayer

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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 245 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song BRIDEGROOM With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: come, Holy Spirit, come.

Invitation to Stewardship

Janet Stevens-Brown

Offertory

Christa Rakich

Doxology For the Music of Creation RUSTINGTON
All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet, worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise, and dancing feet; over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace, harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!

Matthew 5:38-42
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

The Reading

Sermon

Thanks be to God.

Nathan A. Russell

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Discipline of Silence

The Last Five Years

"It was dignity I wanted to make an appeal for—the idea that as a nation we might hold on to the core thing that had sustained my family, going back generations. Dignity had always gotten us through. It was a choice, and not always the easy one, but the people I respected most in life made it again and again, every single day. There was a motto Barack and I tried to live by, and I offered it that night from the stage: When they go low, we go high."

—Michele Obama, Becoming

Hymn of Communion 420 I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Invitation to Commune

Nathan A. Russell

Nancy Walker

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Invitation to Discipleship

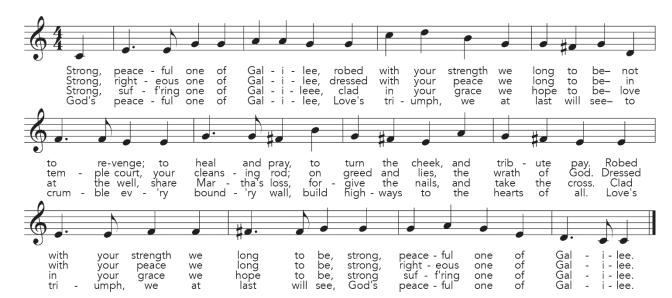
Prayer at the Table

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Hymn of Discipleship

Strong, Peaceful One of Galilee

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Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude Christa Rakich

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

¹Lyrics by Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

²Lyrics by Harry W. Farrington, 1921 Today's artwork is *Journey with Jesus* by He Qi

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 3 11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group (Gibbens Room)

6:00pm: YouTube premiere of morning worship

Tuesday, September 5 7:30am Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)

3:00pm: Worship Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
4:15pm: Permanent Funds Trustees Meeting (Zoom)
5:00pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting (Zoom)
10:00am: Sabbatical Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 7 10:00am: All-Church Social Hour (Zoom)



Wednesday, Sept. 6

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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