

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

Worship of God

January 28, 2024, 9:30am: 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Chiming the Hour The Atwood Carillon

Greeting The Spirit of God is with you... Glennis Covault

And also with you!

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Glennis Covault

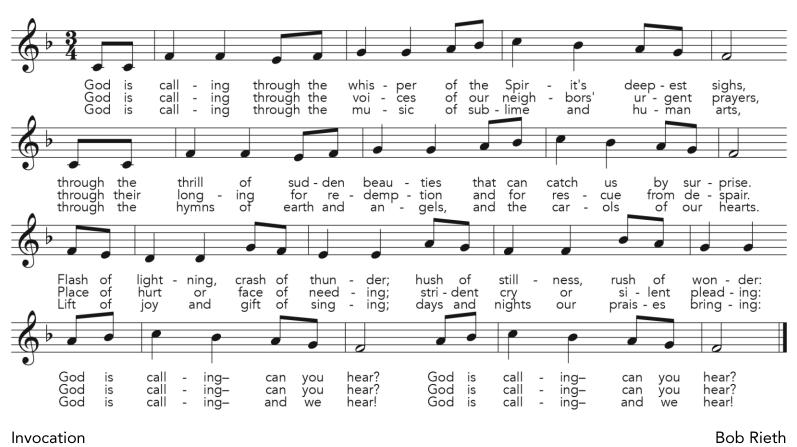
We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude Rees Taylor Roberts

Meditation for Preparation

"Sometimes people hold a core belief that is very strong. When they are presented with evidence that works against that belief, the new evidence cannot be accepted. It would create a feeling that is extremely uncomfortable, called cognitive dissonance. And because it is so important to protect the core belief, they will rationalize, ignore and even deny anything that doesn't fit in with the core belief."

-Frantz Fanon, Black Skins, White Masks







God who calls us by name... Let us turn and follow you.

The Lord's Prayer 307 MALOTTE

Invitation to Stewardship

Chad Vickers

Offertory Rees Taylor Roberts

Doxology 15

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart (v. 5)

MARION



The Reading

Mark 3:13-35
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Nathan A. Russell

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

On the Trail of the Messiah: Carpe Jesum; Carpe Cosmon

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"When a word is deprived of its dimension of action, reflection automatically suffers as well; and the word is changed into idle chatter, into verbalism, into an alienated and alienating "blah." It becomes an empty word, one which cannot denounce the world, for denunciation is impossible without a commitment to transform, and there is no transformation without action."

-Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of the Oppressed

Hymn of Communion 486

Who is My Mother, Who Is My Brother

KINDRED

Invitation to Commune

Nathan A. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Nathan A. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 357

We Call Ourselves Disciples

LANCASHIRE

Postlude

Rees Taylor Roberts

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

¹WORDS: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003; MUSIC: Polish carol

²WORDS: John Bell, 1987; MUSIC: Scottish melody, arr. John Bell, 1987

Today's artwork is *The poor invited to the feast* (1973) by JESUS MAFA. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings. In this painting, we see a generous, wealthy host, choosing to hold a feast for the poor. A large group of disenfranchised people are gathered together eating, talking, and enjoying one another's company. The faces of the host and all his guests show expressions of joy and gratitude. Followers of Jesus are to remain humble, expecting nothing in return for the Christ-like love we are called to share with the world.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 28

- 11:00am: Becoming WACC Mathes' Kenya Trip (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship

Tuesday, January 30

- 7:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 4:00pm: Church Life & Growth Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm: Christian Education Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, January 31

- 10:00am: Sabbatical Planning Committee Mtg.
- 1:00pm: Energy Audit

Sunday, February 4

- 9:30am: Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00am: Two or More Scripture Discussion Group (Gibbens' Room)
- 6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship



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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