

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

Worship of God

April 21, 2024, 9:30am: 4th Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of God is with you...

And also with you!

Lauri Warfield

Call to Worship

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

Lauri Warfield

Meditation for Preparation

"I think it pisses God off if you walk by the color purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it. People think pleasing God is all God cares about. But any fool living in the world can see it always trying to please us back."

-Alice Walker, The Color Purple



Invocation

Ken Oblak

Hymn of Prayer 59

This is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

Prayers of the People

God of all creation...

Remind us You are ever near.

Debby Willets

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 306

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

HEAR OUR PRAYER

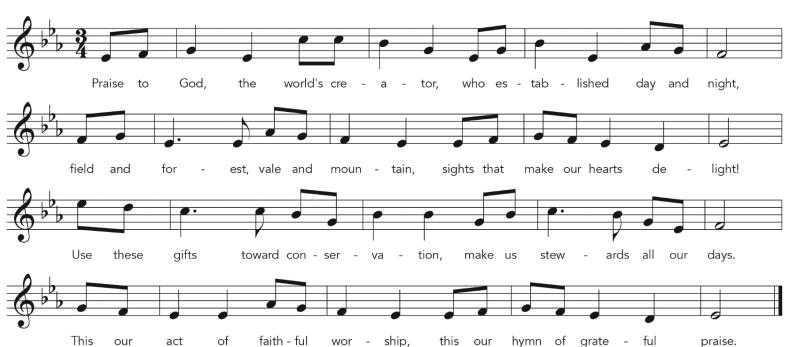
Invitation to Stewardship

Mark Mathes



Praise to God's the World's Creator²

JOYOUS LIGHT



The Reading

Jeremiah 7:1-7
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Nathan A. Russell

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

That's a Big "If"

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"'But now,' says the Once-ler, 'now that you're here, the word of the Lorax seems perfectly clear. <u>UNLESS</u> someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.'"

-Dr. Seuss, The Lorax

Hymn of Communion

The First Day of Creation³ (reverse)

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Invitation to Commune

Debby Willets

Prayer at the Table

Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution

Debby Willets

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 688

When in Awe of God's Creation

HYFRYDOL

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Rees Taylor Roberts

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



¹Words: The Iona Community, 1985; Music: John Goss, 1869 ³Words: Thomas Troger, 1985, vv. 1-3; NAR, 2024, v. 4; Music: Welsh folk melody

²Words: NAR, 2024; Music: Marty Haugen, 1987

Today's artwork is Megan Rowe's reflection on Psalm 46. Megan wrote, "Creating this artwork... required me to work on a much deeper, more spiritual level of creativity. I spent many hours in thought, meditation, and soul-searching waiting for direction and image to mesh. It was a challenge to combine scripture and the Stewardship theme into a two-dimensional piece of artwork that included some of my own feelings and created a meaningful piece of artwork showing what God is doing. I feel that with each new dawn, God offers us new Hope in the warm, loving rays of morning light which appear to calm the turmoil and offer room for the rebirth of earth. With this Hope, we, as God's people, are also given the choice to use our gifts to create God's vision of the world as God wants it for all people."

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 21

- 11:00am: Speaking Christan Book Study
- 6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of Morning Worship

Tuesday, April 23

7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)

Saturday, April 27

• 10:00-1:00pm: Creation Care Clean-up of the Community Garden (10:00-12:00pm) & Lunch in the Dining Room (12:00-1:00pm)



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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