

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

Worship of God

May 5, 9:30am: 6th Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

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

Nathan A. Russell

Prelude

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"Please, sir, I want some more."

–Charles Dickens, *Oliver Twist*

Liv - ing stones, we raise a tem - ple where the Spir - it comes to dwell
 Made of mar - ble, brick, or tim - ber, and the la - bor of our hands,
 Formed in faith, we join to - geth - er at the ta - ble of our Lord.

in each act of lov - ing ser - vice, in the gos - pel truth we tell. In the
 When our build - ings house a peo - ple who em - bod - y God's com - mands: in a
 we share in cel - e - bra - tion, we de - part with strength re - stored: to cre -

plac - es where we wor - ship, plain or lav - ish, large or small, as the
 world where home - less mil - lions live and a - ban - doned on the street, may we
 ate a realm of jus - tice and the bless - ings of sha - lom, where each

church of God in - car - nate, Christ is cor - ner - stone of all.
 of - fer warmth and shel - ter and and the bread of life to eat.
 heart be - comes an al - tar, and the world it - self, God's home.

Invocation

Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer 695

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

Prayers of the People

God of the fertile fields...
Guide all we say and do.

Don Hange, Jr.

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 321 v. 3

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE


O send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to us; you touch our long - ing eyes that we may see;
 give us to eat and live with you a - bove; teach us to love your truth, for you are love.

Invitation to Stewardship

Mary Siwierka

Offertory

Sol M. Rizzato



Praise to God, the worlds' Cre - a - tor, who still feeds us in this land. Praise to Christ, the
bread of heav - en, who shows forth the great I AM. Praise the Spir - it, ev - er with us,
who now guides us on the way: rai - sing us to end - less day!

The Reading

John 6:25-40

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

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

More Bread, Please

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"All of it pointed to a force stronger than the anxious formulas of religion: a radically inclusive love that accompanied people in the most ordinary of actions—eating, drinking, walking—and stayed with them, through fear, even past death. That love meant giving yourself away, embracing outsiders as family, emptying yourself to feed and live for others. The stories illuminated the holiness located in mortal human bodies, and the promise that people could see God by cherishing all those different bodies the way God did. They spoke of a communion so much vaster than any church could contain: one I had sensed all my life could be expressed in the sharing of food, particularly with strangers."

—Sara Miles, *Take This Bread*

Hymn of Communion

I Am the Bread of Life³(reverse)

TOOLAN

Invitation to Commune

Don Hange, Jr.

Prayer at the Table

Steve Mayer

Words of Institution

Don Hange, Jr.

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 538

Hope of the World

VICAR

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Sol M. Rizzato

And all the people said...

AMEN!

"The bread that I will give is my flesh of the Son of the living Father and who eat of this bread, and who drink of his blood, and who believe in me, shall not thirst. No one can come to life unless they eat of my flesh and drink of my blood. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will abide in me, and I will abide in them. Whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood will not see the Father or the Son, nor will they enter the kingdom of God. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood who eats and drinks so that the Father and I may be in them, and they may be in us, who eat and drink so that the Father and I may be in them, and they may be in us, who eat and drink so that the Father and I may be in them, and they may be in us."

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 5

- 11:00am: Speaking Christian
- 6:00pm: Online Worship Premiere YouTube

Monday, May 6

- 3:00-4:00pm: Worship Committee Mtg.

Tuesday, May 7

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 5:30-6:30pm: Stewardship Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 8

- 10:00am: Sabbatical Planning Committee (Hybrid)

Thursday, May 9

- 7:00-9:00pm: Creation Care (Hybrid)



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