



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

## Worship of God

May 25, 2025; 9:30am: Sixth 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 *Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ, BWV 628 (J.S. Bach)* Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"Senator Warren was giving a lengthy speech. She had appeared to violate the rule. She was warned. She was given an explanation. Nevertheless, she persisted."

—Mitch McConnell, February 7, 2017

Hymn of Praise 724 *O God of Earth and Altar* LLANGLOFFAN

Invocation Susan Mathes

Hymn of Prayer *Let Us Pray for One Another*<sup>1</sup> DECATUR



Let us pray for one an - oth - er that our minds and hearts may blend as we grow in love and  
We are walk - ing down time's vis - ta; Zi - on's ban - ner now un - furled calls to stew - ard - ship of  
O'er the world the day is dawn - ing through the Spir - it's light and power when the peo - ple of all

mer - cy, day by day, till life shall end. We can see how oth - ers need us; may we  
car - ing and re - demp - tion of the world. Let us pray that we may ev - er sense God's  
na - tions sense the chal - lenge of this hour. That our lives may now be giv - en to each

al - so dare to say that in love we'll share to - geth - er, for each oth - er let us pray.  
guid - ance in the way; as we try to live for oth - ers, for each oth - er let us pray.  
oth - er in God's way, in the name of Christ the Sav - ior, for each oth - er let us pray.

Prayers of the People Nancy Walker

God who guides us on the way...  
Help us grow in love and mercy.

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 305 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* CHILDREN PRAYING

Invitation to Stewardship Debbie Walker

Offertory *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 626 (J.S. Bach)* Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology *Now Is Christ Raised*<sup>2</sup> SINE NOMINE



The Reading Luke 18:1-8 Nathan A. Russell  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Nevertheless, She Persisted* Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence  
"So I preached from Luke, chapter eighteen, verses one through eight: the parable of the importunate widow. It's one I've always liked. A widow is so persistent in her demands for justice that she overcomes the resistance of a judge who fears neither God nor man. She wears him down. Moral: The weak can overcome the strong if the weak persist. Persisting isn't always safe, but it's often necessary."  
—Octavia Butler, *Parable of the Sower*

Hymn of Communion 408 *Come, Share the Lord* DIVERNON

Invitation to Commune Nancy Walker

Prayer at the Table Gerald Western

Words of Institution Nancy Walker

Invitation to Discipleship Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship *God, Give Us Eyes to See Your Reign*<sup>3</sup> (Back cover) KINGSFOLD

Benediction and Charge Nathan A. Russell

Postlude *Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630* (J.S. Bach) Sol M. Rizzato  
And all the people said...  
**AMEN!**

<sup>1</sup>WORDS: Maurice L. Draper, 1980, alt.; MUSIC: Scottish melody

<sup>2</sup>WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

<sup>3</sup>WORDS: David Bjorlin, 2020; MUSIC: Traditional English Melody

Today's artwork is *Do Not Lose Heart* (2018) by Trey Everett, a graphic artist who has created images for some of the Lectionary readings. His work is available at [www.treyyeverettcreates.com](http://www.treyyeverettcreates.com).

Today's service music includes three chorale preludes from Johann Sebastian Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* or "Little Organ Book," a collection of music for use during the church year. These three pieces feature melodies written by Martin Luther (1483–1546) and are meant for the Easter season. Approximate translations of these chorale titles are as follows: *Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ*: Arisen is the Lord Christ; *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland*: Jesus Christ, our Savior, who turned away wrath from us; *Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn*: The Day in Triumph, God's son.

God, give us eyes to see your reign, a slow - ly grow - ing light  
 God, give us ears to hear your voice a - mid the noise of life  
 God, give us hands to do your work, to shape with love and care  
 God, give us tongues to praise your works, and and ears to hear pro - claim voice,

trans - fig - ur - ing our com - mon world, re - stor - ing faith's dim sight.  
 that speaks a word of faith and hope and calms our in - ner strife.  
 the fac - ets of your peace - ful reign for the glo - ry of world to share.  
 the sto - ry of re - deem - ing love, for the glo - ry of world to share.  
 strong hands to do your kin\* - dom's work and and voice - es to re - joice -

Il - lu - mine eyes in shad - ow's gloom where hate and greed hold sway,  
 Lord, tune our ears to hear the pain work that ev' - ry child that cries,  
 Re - strain our hands from wast - ed the work of that strives for pri - vate gain,  
 Em - bold - en us to join the sound of in tor - tured cries un - heard,  
 that all our sens - es be em - ployed in yet un - fath - omed ways

for dark - ness is as light hate to you and you make bright our way.  
 who mourns in - jus - tice, light hate to you and you make bright our way.  
 that build up mon - u - ments of wealth your voice in hu - man guise.  
 to call on all to hear your voice, add to hu - man pain.  
 till work and wor - ship are as one in lives of jus - tice - speak - ing Word.  
 end - less praise.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 25

- 11:00am: Two Or More: Scripture discussion group {Gibbens Room}
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, May 27

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:00-1:30pm: Labyrinth and Lunch {Bring your own lunch and share fellowship}
- 7:00-8:30pm: Christian Education Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 28

- 5:00-9:00pm: Pasta at the Pastor's



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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