



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

Worship of God

June 8, 2025; 9:30am: Pentecost Sunday

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

Arabesque No. 1 (Claude Debussy)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"Pentecost makes it clear that nothing is so fatal to Christianity as indifference."

—William Sloane Coffin, *Living the Truth in a World of Illusions*

Hymn of Praise 237

On Pentecost they Gathered

MUNICH

Invocation

David Stroup

Hymn of Prayer 245

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

Prayers of the People

God of wind and flame...
Give us power to love and witness.

Lauri Warfield

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

Spirit of the Living God¹

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the liv-ing God, fall a - fresh on us. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on us.
Spirit of the liv-ing God, move a - mong us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. Spir - it of the liv-ing God, fall a - fresh on us.
hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing. Spir - it of the liv-ing God, fill our lives with love!

Invitation to Stewardship

Mary Siwierka

Offertory

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

Let All God's People Everywhere²

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Let all God's peo - ple ev - ery-where lift up a hymn of glo - ry, and
all who know God's stead-fast care tell out sal - va - tion's sto - ry. No tongue be si - lent;
sing your part, you hum-ble souls and meek of heart: ex - alt the God who made you.

The Reading

John 14:8-17
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

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Sermon

Promise and Possibility Are Here

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Discipline of Silence

"That is what the Holy Spirit does for us and for the Church. She breathes us to life, pouring out onto all of her people without regard for age, gender, or social standing filling us with that love embodied in Jesus."

—Wil Gafney, *Holy Fire*

Hymn of Communion 392

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

Invitation to Commune

Lauri Warfield

Prayer at the Table

Lill McNeal

Words of Institution

Lauri Warfield

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Jesus Promised Us the Spirit³

BEACH SPRING

Je - sus prom - ised us the Spir - it on that bright As - cen - sion day.
Now the breeze is blow - ing swift - ly, bring - ing sounds we have not heard.
What ex - cite - ment! What a won - der is the Spir - it of our God,
On this day of cel - e - bra - tion, a fresh wind is blow - ing free.

We have wait - ed; we have won - dered: "Will she come with - out de - lay?"
Rush - ing wind and tongues of bright fire: are the gifts of God con - ferred.
who adds chal - leng - ing ho - ri - zons to this jour - ney we have trod.
She'll sur - prise us; she'll ig - nite us with a flame for what shall be.

As we gath - er here to wor - ship hop - ing she will soon break through, let us
This is awe - some! This is fright - 'ning! What this means we can - not say, yet we
Dreams and vi - sions now in - spire us, mov - ing us to do our part toward the
Let us move in grace - ful rhy - thms; in one place we dare not stay. Give us

sense the in power and prom - ise of words God's world now made a - new.
hear - ture our God lan - guage that jus - tice, give us hope to - day.
fu - sic; send us bring ing: as we dance a - long the art.
mu - sic; send us pow - er: the way.

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

¹WORDS: Daniel Iverson, 1926, v. 1., Michael Baughen, 1982, v. 2; MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

²WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989; MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengeslinge*, 1566

³WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2023; MUSIC: attr. B. F. White, 1844

Today's artwork is *Pentecost Dove* (2015), acrylic on canvas, by Daniel Cantu; <https://www.deviantart.com/dancan2/art/Pentecost-Dove-522940105>

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 8

- 11:00am: Pentecost Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Monday, June 9

- 5:00-7:00pm: Bible, Burger, & Beer at the Foundry

Tuesday, June 10

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elders' Meeting (Hybrid)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)



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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