



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

Worship of God

June 29, 2025; 9:30am: The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Be Thou My Vision (Dale Wood)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"The newness announced and observed is not a newness that fits the old categories, for it is precisely the old categories that are now shattered. So there is no easy categorizing of the event, as kings are inclined to do. The event will not be contained by the rationality of the king, ancient or contemporary. Rather, there is here a brooding, a wondering, and an amazement."

—Walter Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination*

Hymn of Praise

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken¹

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on ci - ty of our God;
 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 well sup - ply thy good cre - a - tion, and all fear of want re - move.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing forth that God is near!

On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er ban - ner light ev - er flows their thirst as - suage?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may smile at all thy foes.
 Grace, which like our God, the Giv - er, nev - er falls from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.

Invocation

Bob Rieth

Hymn of Prayer

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries²

MORNING SONG

Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in trou - bled days with
 If you have ev - er wan - dered where no hu - man help was near, and
 If you have ev - er lived in - side the pri - son of your gloom and
 If you have felt your cour - age fail be - fore a vio - lent sea and
 So praise the One whose love is great, whose kind - ness is well - known. Con -

won - drous works to hu - man - kind that call for high - est praise. Let
 in your trou - ble cried to God, who res - cued you from fear, then
 cried to God, who broke your bonds and raised you from the tomb, then
 cried to God, who stilled the storm, and made the wild wind flee, then
 si - der well the heal - ing hand and help you have been shown, and

all who know God's sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.
 thank the God of stead - fast love who dries your ev - ery tear.
 praise the One who sets you free, who makes dry pla - ces bloom.
 in the con - gre - ga - tion praise the One who heard your plea.
 tell the world what God has done. Praise God and God a - lone.

Prayers of the People

God of steadfast love...
 Dry our every tear.

Sue Pray

Sung Response 310

The Lord's Prayer

HAAS

Invitation to Stewardship

Marilyn Bauer

Offertory

*Meditation on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" (Sol M. Rizzato)**

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

*Praise God Who Gives All Blessings Birth*³

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God who gives all bless-ings birth; praise God all crea-tures on the earth; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, who makes, sus - tains, sets free: one ho - ly God in Per - sons three. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

Nathan A. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Worship and Wonder

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Treasure your curiosity and nurture your imagination."

–Shirley Ann Jackson

Hymn of Communion 518

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

Invitation to Commune

Sue Pray

Prayer at the Table

Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Sue Pray

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*Once Jesus Told His Friends*⁴ (Reverse)

TERRA BEATA

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Toccata in Seven (John Rutter)
And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Sol M. Rizzato

Today's artwork is *Hibiscus with Plumeria*, 1939, by Georgie O'Keeffe. <https://www.neh.gov/humanities/2018/spring/feature/georgia-okeeffe-paints-hawaii-0>
¹WORDS: John Newton, 1779, alt.; MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941 ²WORDS: Ruth Duck, 2007; MUSIC: *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813
³WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989; MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623 ⁴WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2025; MUSIC: Traditional English melody
 *In honor of John L. Edwards and Jon O. Roberts, for paving the way for LGBTQ+ Oklahomans in the world of classical music. From *Windsor Trails: An Organ Symphony*.
 The chancel flowers are in honor of Debbie Walker.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, June 29
- 11:00am: Congregational Meeting to vote on slate of Officers
 - 11:05am: Celebration for Debbie Walker
 - 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere
- Monday, June 30
- 5:00-7:00pm: FINALE: Bible, Burgers & Beer at the Foundry
- Tuesday, July 1
- 7:30-8:39am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- Friday, July 4
- Federal holiday



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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