



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

Worship of God

July 13, 2025; 9:30am: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

Nathan A. Russell

And also with you!

Call to Worship

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

Nathan A. Russell

Prelude

Katie Smith and Sol M. Rizzato
Five Bagatelles for Clarinet, Op. 23 (Gerald Finzi) IV. Forlana

Meditation for Preparation

"We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world, and the best we can find in our travels is an honest friend."

-Robert Luis Stevenson, *The Black Arrow*

Hymn of Praise 622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

Invocation

Marty Rowe

Hymn of Prayer

When God Restored Our Common Life¹

RESIGNATION

When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our
 We went lib - er - at - ing sow ing we seeds in for hard, un -
 Great lib - er - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who
 lib - er - ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a
 yield - ing soil; with May those who hearts long we car - ry is home the
 are op - pressed. May those who long for what is right with
 wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept o - ver
 fruit of all now who be toil. We We praise pray of the for One those who gave mourn this
 jus - tice now be blest. We We pray for those who mourn this
 us, growth, for with we voic - had es wept so and long; the seeds seeds we
 day, and and all all who who suf - fer wrong; may may seeds seeds we
 wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

Prayers of the People

Great liberating God...
Let our tears spring up into song.

Pam Sheetz

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

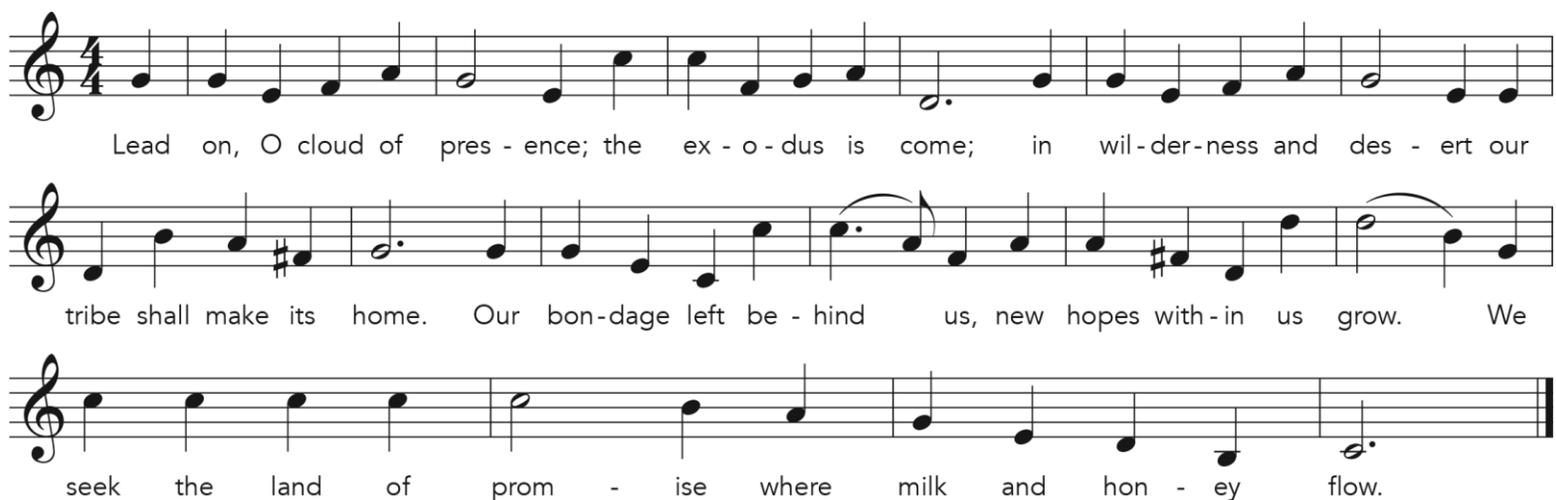
CHILDREN PRAYING

Invitation to Stewardship

Debby Willets

Offertory *Five Bagatelles, Op. 23, III. Carol* Katie Smith and Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology 633 v. 1 *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* LANCASHIRE



Lead on, O cloud of pres - ence; the ex - o - dus is come; in wil - der - ness and des - ert our
tribe shall make its home. Our bon - dage left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow. We
seek the land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.

The Reading *Jeremiah 31:2-6, 8-11, 13-17* Nathan A. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Grace in the Wilderness* Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence
"I do not at all understand the mystery of grace—only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us. It can be received gladly or grudgingly, in big gulps or in tiny tastes, like a deer at the salt. I gobbled it, licked it, held it down between my little hooves."
—Anne Lamott, *Traveling Mercies*

Hymn of Communion 419 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

Invitation to Commune Pam Sheetz

Prayer at the Table Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution Pam Sheetz

Communion Meditation *Five Bagatelles, Op. 23, II. Romance* Katie Smith and Sol M. Rizzato

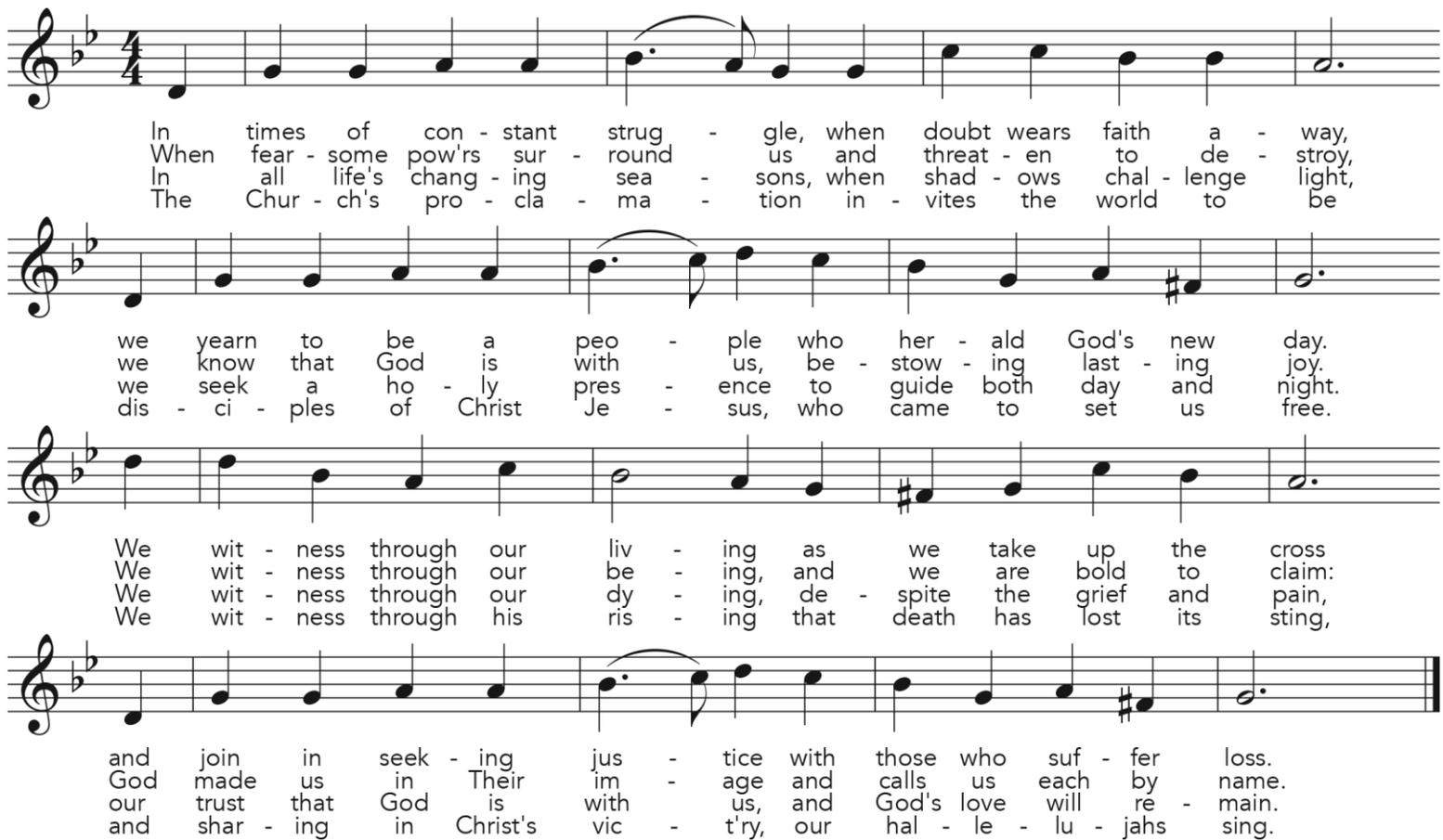
Invitation to Discipleship Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship *In Times of Constant Struggle² (Back Cover)* LLANGLOFFAN

Benediction and Charge Nathan A. Russell

Postlude *Five Bagatelles, Op. 23, I. Prelude* Katie Smith and Sol M. Rizzato
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Today's artwork is *Twilight in the Wilderness*, 1860. Frederic Edwin Church. This painting is part of the permanent collection of the Cleveland Museum of Art.
¹WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1981; MUSIC: Southern Harmony, 1835 ²WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2024; MUSIC: *Welsh folk melody; Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872



In times of constant struggle, when doubt wears faith away,
 When fear - some pow'rs surround us and threat - en to de - stroy,
 In all life's chang - ing sea - sons, when shad - ows chal - lenge light,
 The Chur - ch's pro - cla - ma - tion in - vites the world to be
 we yearn to be a peo - ple who her - ald God's new day.
 we know that God is with us, be - stow - ing last - ing joy.
 we seek a ho - ly pres - ence to guide both day and night.
 dis - ci - ples of Christ Je - sus, who came to set us free.
 We wit - ness through our liv - ing as we take up the cross
 We wit - ness through our be - ing, and we are bold to claim:
 We wit - ness through our dy - ing, de - spite death the grief and pain,
 We wit - ness through his ris - ing that death has lost its sting,
 and join in seek - ing jus - tice with those who suf - fer loss.
 God made us in Their im - age and calls us each by name.
 our trust that God is with us, and God's love will re - main.
 and shar - ing in Christ's vic - t'ry, our hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 15

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 3:00-4:30pm: Outreach Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 16

- 5:30-8:00pm: Girl Scout #50163 Mtg. in the Music Room



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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