



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

Worship of God

July 20, 2025; 9:30am: The Sixth 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

Prelude in F Major, BWV 556 (J.S. Bach)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"There is a fearful splendor in absolute desolation."

—James Baldwin, *The Devil Finds Work*

Hymn of Praise

Called to Gather as God's People¹

O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE

Called to gath - er as God's peo - ple, we as - sem - ble in this place
 Taught and formed by proc - la - ma - tion, we a - wait God's prom - ised word:
 Fed at Christ's a - bun - dant ta - ble, we par - tae of ho - ly food,
 Sent to share the Spir - it's bless - ing, we go forth re - newed, re - stored,

to u - nite our hearts and voic - es in thanks - giv - ing for God's grace:
 song and sto - ry, psalm and pre - cept, all the range of scrip - ture heard.
 wake the gifts of hope and mem - 'ry, taste and see that God is good.
 hum - bled by the task be - fore us, strength - ened by the Love out - poured.

for the birth - ing of cre - a - tion, for Christ's ris - ing from death's hold,
 By this an - cient, liv - ing wit - ness we are sum - moned to con - fess,
 So our min - gled lives are tak - en, blessed, and bro - ken for Christ's sake,
 Find - ing faith con - firmed in act - ion, led by hope through each new day,

for the com - ing of the Spir - it, week by week claimed and re - told.
 how we fall short, yet feed the can trust that God will hear, for - give, and bless.
 giv - en out to be, and com - fort bod - ies, minds, and hearts that ache.
 we are called to be God's peo - ple, liv - ing what we sing and pray.

Invocation

Megan Rowe

Hymn of Prayer 636

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

Prayers of the People

In life, in death, O God...
Abide with us.

Gerald Western

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

Nothing Can Trouble²

NADA TE TURBE

Noth - ing can trou - ble; noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing.

No - thing can trou - ble; noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

Invitation to Stewardship

Pam Sheetz

Offertory

Fugue in F Major, BWV 556 (J.S. Bach)

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

Luke 12:4-7

Nathan A. Russell

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

Sermon

Fearless and Fearful

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

“To me, Fearless is not the absence of fear. It's not being completely unafraid. To me, Fearless is having fears. Fearless is having doubts. Lots of them. To me, Fearless is living in spite of those things that scare you to death.”

–Taylor Swift, *Fearless*

Hymn of Communion

*Coming Together for Wine and for Bread*⁴ (Back cover)

BANQUET

Invitation to Commune

Gerald Western

Prayer at the Table

Megan Rowe

Words of Institution

Gerald Western

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 618

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553 (J.S. Bach)
And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Sol M. Rizzato

Com - ing to - geth - er for wine and for bread, tast - ing the
 Who will be hun - gry if, hear - ing the call, we of - fer
 Here at this ta - ble, we're wel - comed by name; all are in -
 Bless - ing this ta - ble the Spir - it is here grant - ing us

sto - ry and hear - ing it read, know - ing our hun - ger and
 seats at our ban - quet to all? Who is for - got - ten? Who
 vi - ted, each seat is the same. Serv - ing, re - ceiv - ing, and
 vi - sion, so sud - den - ly clear: shar - ing and serv - ing, the

shar - ing the meal o - pens our eyes to see Je - sus is real.
 will we ig - nore? Who is the out - cast that knocks at our door?
 eat - ing the feast hum - bles the haugh - ty and hon - ors the least.
 bod - y is fed, nour - ished by Je - sus, the Wine and the Bread.

Today's artwork is The Sermon on the Mount (1973) by JESUS MAFA. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

¹WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 2001; MUSIC: *Manuscript Chorale Book*, 1735
³WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989; MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623

²WORDS: Attr. Teresa of Avila, 16th cent.; MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986
⁴WORDS: Adam M. L. Tice, 2009; MUSIC: Sally Ann Morris, 2009

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 20

- 11:00am: Creation Care: Nicole Schmidt, *Bread for the World*, "Nourish Our Future" Campaign
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, July 22

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)



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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