



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

Worship of God

July 27, 2025; 9:30am: The Seventh 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

A Mighty Fortress (Charles W. Ore)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"This being human is a guest house. Every morning a new arrival. A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness comes as an unexpected visitor. Welcome and entertain them all! Even if they're a crowd of sorrows, who violently sweep your house empty of its furniture, still, treat each guest honorably. He may be clearing you out for some new delight. The dark thought, the shame, the malice, meet them at the door laughing, and invite them in. Be grateful for whoever comes, because each has been sent as a guide from beyond."

–Rumi, *The Guest House*

Hymn of Praise 65

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Invocation

Susan Mathes

Hymn of Prayer 353

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

Prayers of the People

God, whose heart is gentle...
Help us rest in your care.

Debbie Walker

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

*Wait for the Lord*¹

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong take heart.

Invitation to Stewardship

Ron Dauphin

Offertory

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

*We Sing to You O God*²

DARWALL'S 148th

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth.
Let our re - joi - cing sing your name in all the earth.
To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joy - fyl hymns, our feast of praise.

The Reading

Luke 21:20-28
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Stand Up and Keep Your Heads Up

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The grace of God means something like... Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you."

—Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

Hymn of Communion

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*³

AGAPE

For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
 By the prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
 With the saints who now a - dore you seat - ed at the heaven - ly board,
 In your ser - vice, Lord de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 by your call to heaven a - bove us, con - se - crate our lives, O Lord.
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 in the world to which you send us let your kin* - dom come, O Lord.

Invitation to Commune

Debbie Walker

Prayer at the Table

Sue Pray

Words of Institution

Debbie Walker

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 675

When Will People Cease Their Fighting?

RUSTINGTON

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Processional in C (Hal Hopson)
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Sol M. Rizzato

¹WORDS: Taize Community, 1984; MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984

²WORDS: Gracia Grinda, 1993; MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770

³WORDS: Louis F. Benson, 1924, alt.; MUSIC: Charles J. Dickinson, 1861

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 27

- 11:00am: Creation Care: *Bread for the World* - Writing of Letters in Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, July 29

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

Wednesday, July 30

- 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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