



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

Worship of God

February 1, 2026, 9:30am: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Morning Song (David Schelat)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"Fear not those without papers, but those without conscience. Know that to care intensively, united, is to carry both pain-dark horror for today and a profound, daring hope for tomorrow."

—Amanda Gorman, *For Alex Jeffrey Pretti*

Hymn of Praise 15

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

MARION

Invocation

Kim Jorgenson

Hymn of Prayer

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 can trust that God will hear, for - give, and bless.
 giv - en out to feed 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.

Prayers of the People

God of grace...

Janet Stevens-Brown

Empower us to live what we sing and pray.

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 599

Day by Day

GODSPELL

Invitation to Stewardship

Mark Mathes

Offertory

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology 130 v. 5

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

Prasise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup - ports those in dis - tress,
 re - mem - ber - ing past prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

The Reading

Matthew 5:1-12
 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Favored by God

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Now they say they're here to uphold the law
 But they trample on our rights
 If your skin is black or brown, my friend
 You can be questioned or deported on sight
 In our chants of "ICE out now"
 Our city's heart and soul persists
 Through broken glass and bloody tears
 On the streets of Minneapolis."

–Bruce Springsteen, *Streets of Minneapolis*

Hymn of Communion 284

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

Invitation to Commune

Janet Stevens-Brown

Prayer at the Table

Lill McNeal

Words of Institution

Janet Stevens-Brown

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

We Are Called² (Back cover)

WE ARE CALLED

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

It Is Well With My Soul (Mark Hayes)
 And all the people said...
AMEN!

Sol M. Rizzato

Today's artwork is Tears of the People by Lauren Wright Pittman © Lauren Wright Pittman.

¹WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 2001; MUSIC: Moravian folk melody, *Manuscript Chorale Book*, 1735

²WORDS & MUSIC: David Haas, 1988

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
 to be hope for the hope - less so all ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!

We are called to act with just - ice, we are called to love ten - der - ly,
 we are called to serve one an - oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

- 10:00am-2:00pm: Office Hours and Labyrinth Open

Sunday, February 1

- 11:00am: Two Or More: Listening Skills {Gibbens Room}
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Monday, February 2

- 10:00-11:00am: Worship Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)

Tuesday, February 3

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:30am-1:00pm: CHLG & O Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)
- 5:30-6:30pm: Stewardship Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)



We are thrilled that you are worshipping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

WACC is a **Green Chalice Congregation** in covenant care of God's creation.

Permission to print music is obtained from ONE LICENSE #73174-A. All rights reserved.

