

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

Worship of God

February 15, 2026, 9:30am: Transfiguration Sunday

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 *Improvisation on "Ar Hyd y Nos" From 3 Cincinnati Improvisations* Sol M. Rizzato
(Gerre Hancock, Transcribed Todd Wilson)

Meditation for Preparation
"A closed mouth gathers no feet."
-Traditional Proverb

Hymn of Praise 176 *Sing of God Made Manifest* SALZBURG

Invocation Nancy Walker

Hymn of Prayer 182 *Transform Us* PICARDY

Prayers of the People God of transformation...
Lead us down our daily pathways. Lill McNeal

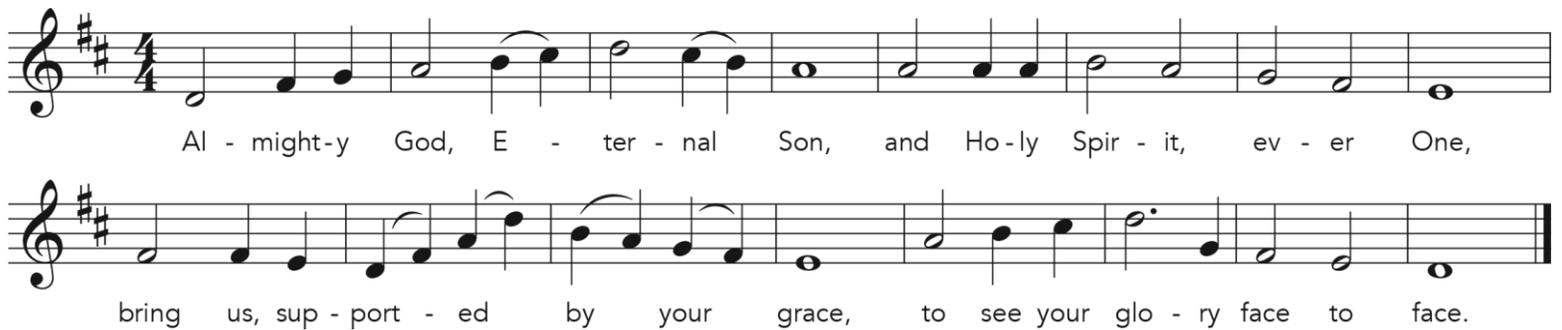
The Lord's Prayer
Our Mother/Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin*dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin*dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

Sung Response 306 *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* HEAR OUR PRAYER

Invitation to Stewardship Debbie Walker

Offertory *Meditation on "Picardy" (Ralph Holtzhauser)** Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology *Almighty God, Eternal Son¹** DUKE STREET



Al - might-y God, E - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er One,
bring us, sup - port - ed by your grace, to see your glo - ry face to face.

The Reading Matthew 17:1-9 Nathan A. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Transforming Grace* Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence
"People generally see what they look for, and hear what they listen for."
-Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Hymn of Communion *In the Quiet Consecration²* STENKA RAZIN

In the quiet con - se - cra - tion of this glad com - mun - ion hour,
 Here we learn through sa - cred sym - bol all your grace can be and do
 Christ, the liv - ing bread of heav - en, Christ, whose blood is drink in - deed,
 By your death for sin a - ton - ing, by your res - ur - rec - tion life,
 while a - far in sol - emn ra - diance shines the feast that is to come—

here we rest in you, O Je - sus, taste your love and touch your power.
 by this won - der - ful in - dwell - ing— you in us, and we in you.
 here by faith and with thanks - giv - ing in our hearts on you we feed.
 hold us fast in joy - ful un - ion, strength - en us to face the strife;
 af - ter con - flict, heav - en's glo - ry, your great feast of love and home.

Invitation to Commune

Lill McNeal

Prayer at the Table

Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Lill McNeal

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Jesus Journeyed Up the Mount^{3*}

TETON

Je - sus jour - neyed up the mount joined by Pe - ter, James, and John,
 Rapt by ra - diance like the rest, Pe - ter won - dered what to do,
 "This is my be - lov - ed son, and in him I take de - light.
 "Do not fear, but stand a - gain!" Je - sus sum - moned them to rise.
 Climb - ing up to high - er plains, seek - ing what sur - pas - ses sight,

who saw him trans - fig - ured there, clothed in gar - ments bright as dawn;
 then to Je - sus rash - ly said, "I will build three tents for you."
 Lis - ten well to what he says; let him guide you day and night."
 When they looked a - round once more on - ly Je - sus met their eyes.
 we pur - sue the reign of God: Jus - tice that sets all things right.

Mo - ses came, E - li - jah, too. What grand splend - or filled their view!
 O - ver - sha - dowed by a cloud, they all heard God call a - loud:
 Fall - ing down with ho - ly fear, they knew God had been brought near.
 Calm - ing hearts still full of awe, Je - sus made clear what they saw.
 While we wait God's com - ing day, Je - sus' light will lead the way.

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Choral from "Quatre pièces" Op. 37/4 (Joseph Jongen)

Sol M. Rizzato

And all the people said...

AMEN!

Today's artwork is Glitch Transfiguration by Kelly Latimore. <https://kellylatimoreicons.com/products/glitched-transfiguration> Like Peter in Matthew 17, we are often tempted to try and create our own transfigurations. Create our booths. Although we often mean well using grand displays of music, liturgy, and art to bring "The divine down to earth." the thing is, what we are trying to contain is always right in front of us. It is divine that Jesus doubled down being human-wounds and all. Peter fails to see that Jesus cannot be confined to one location. He can't tie down and domesticate the wild spirit of God's Kingdom. We are being called to follow Jesus to Jerusalem, into the unknown. The light we think we hold has already been reflecting and scattering in all directions.

*Premiere

¹WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 2026; MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

³WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2025; MUSIC: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

²WORDS: Constance Coote, 1910; MUSIC: Russian traditional

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, February 15

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

Monday, February 16

- Federal Holiday/Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 17

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elders' Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
- 7:00pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Wednesday, February 18

- 5:30-8:00pm: Girl Scout # 50163 Meeting in the Music Room
- 7:00pm: Ash Wednesday Service at WACC

Thursday, February 19

- 2:00-3:00pm: Free Legal Aide Clinic at LCCC/Bass Library



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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