



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

Worship of God

March 1, 2026, 9:30am: Second Sunday in Lent

Chiming the Hour		Lisa Miragliotta
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	<i>Near the Cross</i>	Lisa Miragliotta
Meditation for Preparation	"I have learned that if you must leave a place that you have lived in and loved and where all your yesteryears are buried deep, leave it any way except a slow way, leave it the fastest way you can. Never turn back and never believe that an hour you remember is a better hour because it is dead. Passed years seem safe ones, vanquished ones, while the future lives in a cloud, formidable from a distance." —Beryl Markham, <i>West with the Night</i>	
Hymn of Praise	<i>God Called to Abraham</i> ¹ (Back cover)	LEONI
Invocation		Susan Mathes

God of the journey...
Help us walk the mile and bear the load.

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

Hear Now the Prayers We Offer²

PASSION CHORALE

Hear now the prayers we of - fer, O God, our guide and friend. Through - out our Lent - en
 jour - ney, di - rect us toward your end. Con - vict, cor - rect, and heal us, trans -
 form - ing all our ways, and let your grace and mer - cy sus - tain us through these days.

Invitation to Stewardship

Janet Stevens-Brown

Offertory

What Wondrous Love Is This

Lisa Miragliotta

Doxology 633 v. 2

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O fi - ery pil - lar; we fol - low yet with fears, but we shall come re -
 joic - ing, though joy be born of tears. We are not lost, though wan - d'ring, for
 by your light we come, and we are still God's peo - ple. The jour - ney is our home.

The Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Nathan A. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Thanks be to God!

Discipline of Silence

"Home is behind, the world ahead,
And there are many paths to tread
Through shadows to the edge of night,
Until the stars are all alight."

–J. R. R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Hymn of Communion 622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Invitation to Commune

Debbie Walker

Prayer at the Table

Janet Stevens-Brown

Words of Institution

Debbie Walker

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

We Journey without Knowing³

LLANGLOFFAN

We jour - ney with - out know - ing to pla - ces God will show
Our life forms just a whis - per in God's e - ter - nal frame,
We sing to use the wait - ing; we pray to mark the time
When chal - leng - es as - sail us, we feel the grip of fear,

as faith un - veils the path - way we yearn to see and know.
yet bless - ings dawn each morn - ing we rise in Je - sus' name.
while look - ing for God's prom - ise as we re - sume our climb.
un - cer - tain of this mo - ment as sha - dows length - en here.

We stack up cairns in des - erts to mark where grace was found -
We trust the Spi - rit guides us through sor - rows, joys, and - strains.
We hope through tears and ach - ing; our hearts cry out, "How long?"
The HO - LY ONE goes with us through val - leys steep and chilled,

re - mem - b'ring each en - coun - ter where God made ho - ly ground.
God's love will not de - sert us - it heals, sup - ports, sus - tains.
Yet God is sure - ly mov - ing to fell the powers of wrong.
and leads us toward the fu - ture where prom - ise is ful - filled.

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
And all the people said... AMEN!

Lisa Miragliotta

¹WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2025; MUSIC: Hebrew melody, transcribed by Meyer Leoni c. 1770

²WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2026; MUSIC: Hans L. Hassler, 1601

³WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2025; MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, March 1

- 11:00am: Two Or More: *Leaning In and Letting Go*, Lenten devotional {Gibbens Room}
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:30am-1:00pm: Church Life, Growth, and Outreach Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)
- 5:30-6:30pm: Stewardship Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

March 4

- 5:00-8:00pm: Reel Religion: *Gran Torino*

March 5

- 7:00-8:30pm: Book Study with Sue Pray and *Love Wins* (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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