



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

Worship of God

March 8, 2026, 9:30am: Third Sunday in Lent

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

Moderato (Elizabeth Stirling)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages."

—William Shakespear, *As You Like It*

Hymn of Praise 16

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Invocation

Gerald Western

Hymn of Prayer 79

God Is My Shepherd

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

Prayers of the People

God of the journey...
Lead us through all eternity.

Pam Sheetz

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 Offer¹

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

Lauri Warfield

Offertory

Andante (Betty Jackson King)

Sol M. Rizzato

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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

Exodus 17:1-7

Nathan A. Russell

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

Discipline of Silence

“The rock I'd seen in my life looked dull because in all ignorance I'd never thought to knock it open.”
 –Annie Dillard, *An American Childhood*

Hymn of Communion

*See What Love We Have Been Given!*²

JOYOUS LIGHT

See what love we have been giv - en! We are bap - tized as God's
 Liv - ing wa - ter of - fered to us - sig - ni - fies re - birth and
 May the Spir - it's win - some pow - er breathe up - on us, make us
 See what love we have been giv - en! We are bap - tized as God's

own! Claimed by Christ and called God's child - ren, God's grand pur - pose to make
 grace! Christ, re - ceive, re - new, re - store us; hold our lives in your em -
 glad! Come, in - spire, us and thrill us; sanc - ti - fied for what's a -
 own! Claimed by Christ and called God's child - ren, God's grand pur - pose to make

known! Christ has wel - comed us and named us, warmed our hearts and blessed our
 brace! Place your gra - cious gift with - in us, show - ing we be - long to
 head! As we share our gifts to - geth - er, God Al - might - y, make us
 known! Guide our lives in each en - deav - or, mak - ing us dis - ci - ples

ways! Here, God's might - y love has claimed us for new life of faith and praise!
 you! Grant your Ho - ly Spir - it to us, bind us ev - er - more to you!
 one, as we go and as we gath - er, till the work of grace is done!
 true! Bless us now and bless us ev - er; Liv - ing Lord we trust in you!

Invitation to Commune

Pam Sheetz

Prayer at the Table

Mark Mathes

Words of Institution

Pam Sheetz

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*Singing Songs of Expectation*³ (Back cover)

EBENEZER

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Postlude in f minor (Luise Adolpha Le Beau)
 And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Sol M. Rizzato

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¹WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2026; MUSIC: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

²WORDS: John Dalles, 2009; MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1987

³WORDS: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862); tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt.; MUSIC: Thomas John Williams, 1890

Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward goes the pil - grim band,
 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er God's ran - somed peo - ple shed;
 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as from the heart of one;

through the night of doubt and sor - row, mov - ing to the prom - ised land.
 chas - ing far the gloom of ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
 one the con - flict, one the per - il, one the path in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the shad - ows gleams and burns the guid - ing light:
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which nev - er tires,
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far which e - ter - nal shore,

trust - ing God we move to - geth - er step - ping fear - les through the night.
 one the ear - nest look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 where the one al - might - y Shap - er reigns in love for - ev - er - more.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, March 8

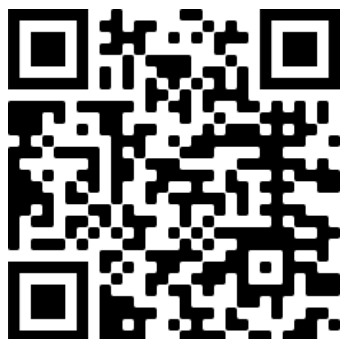
- 11:00am: Two Or More: *Leaning In and Letting Go*, Lenten devotional {Gibbens Room}
- 2:30-4:00pm: Cello Studio Recital with Kathy Wainwright & Sol Rizzato
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, March 10

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

Thursday, March 12

- 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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