

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

## Worship of God

May 31, 2026, 9:30am: Trinity 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

*Jesus Loves Me* (arr. Mary McDonald)

Cory Isler-Manzo

## Meditation for Preparation

"One of the most human things about anxiety is that we try to cure chaos with chaos. Someone who has got themselves into a catastrophic situation rarely retreats from it, we're far more inclined to carry on even faster. We've created lives where we can watch other people crash into the wall but still hope that somehow we're going to pass straight through it. The closer we get, the more confidently we believe that some unlikely solution is miraculously going to save us, while everyone watching us is just waiting for the crash."

–Fredrik Backman, *Anxious People*

Hymn of Praise	<i>Praise to the God Who Reigns<sup>1</sup></i> (Insert)	DIADEMATA
Invocation		Sheila Smith
Hymn of Prayer 575	<i>Come and Find the Quiet Center</i>	BEACH SPRING
Prayers of the People	Scheming Spirit... Clear our chaos and confusion.	Mark Mathes

## 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	<i>God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness<sup>2</sup></i>	HOLY MANNA
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God who gives to life its good-ness, God who binds each friend to friend, giv-er of all  
hu-man tal-ent, God who wills that cha-os end: grant us now cre-a-tive spir-its,  
minds re-pon-sive to your mind, hearts and wills your reign ex-tend-ing, all our arts by love re-fined.

Invitation to Stewardship		Lauri Warfield
Offertory	<i>Give Thanks</i> (arr. Bill Wolaver)	Cory Isler-Manzo
Doxology 48	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	TALLIS' CANON
The Reading	Genesis 1:1-2:4a For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God!	Nathan A. Russell
Sermon	<i>Creative Chaos</i>	Nathan A. Russell

## Praise to the God Who Reigns

Praise to the God who reigns, who of - fers us new life.  
 Praise to the ris - en Christ, who now as - cends a - bove  
 Praise to the Ho - ly Dove, the Spir - it soar - ing free,  
 Praise to the One - In - Three, who stirs our hearts with grace

Ad - ven - ture waits for those who take the path that ends all strife.  
 and gives us power to live in peace, to act in deeds of love.  
 who sends us out and strength - ens us where - ev - er we may be.  
 to dare a world made new and just; a sum - mons to em - brace.

This jour - ney will be long, and fear can make us doubt,  
 This wit - ness is our joy; it calls us to each day.  
 We see a fu - ture dawn; hor - i - zons o - pen wide.  
 As we go forth from here, may faith re - new our aim

but God is good; the HO - LY ONE from harm will bring us out.  
 Let us be a - gents of good news as Christ leads on the way.  
 By stars of night or bright sun's blaze, the Spir - it is our guide.  
 to seek the reign of God on earth, God's mis - sion to pro - claim.

## The First Day of Creation

The first day of cre - a - tion is dawn - ing in the soul,  
 Yet God is re - cre - at - ing more than our in - ner world:  
 All life in Christ is com - passed by that trans - form - ing grace  
 Cre - a - tion is ex - pan - sive, yet Christ still meets us here

up - on the deep God ho - vers where fear and cha - os roll.  
 look up be - yond the plan - ets where gal - ax - ies are swirled.  
 which spins new worlds and won - ders in ev - ery time and place.  
 in bread and wine re - veal - ing that God is ev - er near.

The in - ward dark is part - ing. The seas make room for land.  
 Look out and see how of - ten sur - pris - ing love is shown.  
 O Twirl - er of the star - dust, O Light no dark - ness rims,  
 Sus - tain us with these em - blems that we may will - ing be

Great shore - lines are e - merg - ing a new world is at hand.  
 Christ is at work re - shap - ing both stars and hearts of stone.  
 your new crea - a - tion pul - ses with wor - ship, praise, and hymns.  
 am - bas - sa - dors of jus - tice, sent forth to make all free.

Discipline of Silence

"In all chaos there is a cosmos, in all disorder a secret order."

-Carl Jung, *The Archetypes and the Collective Unconscious*

Hymn of Communion

*The First Day of Creation*<sup>3</sup> (Insert)

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Invitation to Commune

Mark Mathes

Prayer at the Table

Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution

Mark Mathes

Communion Meditation

*Serenity* (Susan Buckley Cumbie)

Cory Isler-Mazo

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*Loving God, Who Birthed Creation*<sup>4</sup>

ABBOT'S LEIGH



Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the form - less womb of space,  
Spir - it hov - 'ring on the wa - ters, breath of life be - stowed on earth,  
Word - made - flesh to make love pres - ent, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride,  
Tri - une God whose three - fold Be - ing mod - els how all lives are twined:



kin - dling light and tam - ing dark - ness, turn - ing cha - os in - to grace:  
fore - taste of the migh - ty bless - ing, poured out at the Church's birth:  
teach - er, heal - er, suff - 'ring Ser - vant will - ing to be cru - ci - fied:  
weave our var - ied wills to - geth - er, knit each heart and soul and mind:



may we heed your im - age and in us when our doubts and fears in - crease;  
come, in - spire our prayers and prais - es; fill our hearts and fire our wills;  
still you live in friend and and stran - ger, all who hun - ger, fear, and ache;  
join our lives in faith and ser - vice, let our words and deeds u - nite;



to wake our con - flicts and con - fu - sion bring your beau - ty, or - der, peace.  
help in us the proph - ets' vi - sion, hope that moves and faith that stills.  
by our com - mon wit - ness may we spread your love, your truth, your light.

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (arr. Brian Chung)

Cory Isler-Manzo

And all the people said...

AMEN!

Today's artwork is *Cloud Vortex* by Michael Durst.

<sup>1</sup>WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2024; MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1868

<sup>2</sup>WORDS: Walter Henry Farquharson, 1970; MUSIC: William Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825

<sup>3</sup>WORDS: Thomas Troeger, 1985, vv. 1-3; Nathan A. Russell, 2024, v. 4; MUSIC: Welsh folk melody <sup>4</sup>WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. 1996; MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1942

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Weekly Calendar

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

### Sunday, May 31

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

### Monday, June 1

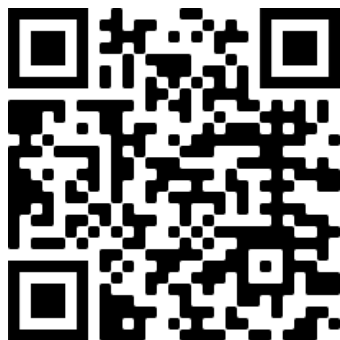
- 10:00-11:00am: Worship Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)
- 5:00-7:00pm: Bible, Burger, & Beer at the Foundry

### Tuesday, June 2

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

### Wednesday, June 3

- 5:00pm: Reel Religion Finale - *Chocolat*



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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