



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

Worship of God

June 7, 2026, 9:30am: Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Healer of Our Every Ill

Maggie Johns

Meditation for Preparation

"When you experience mercy, you learn things that are hard to learn otherwise. You see things you can't otherwise see; you hear things you can't otherwise hear. You begin to recognize the humanity that resides in each of us."

—Bryan Stephenson, *Just Mercy*

Hymn of Praise 23

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Invocation

Bob Maxwell

Hymn of Prayer

We Cannot Measure How You Heal!

YE BANKS AND BRAES

We can - not mea - sure how you heal or an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer,
 The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that clings from things long past,
 So some have come who need your help and some have come to make a - mends,
 yet we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where faith and doubt u - nite to care.
 the fear of what the fu - ture holds, are pres - ent as if meant to last.
 as hands which shaped and saved the world are pres - ent in the touch of friends.
 Your hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur - vive to hold and heal and warn,
 But pres - ent too is love which tends the hurt we nev - er hoped to find,
 Lord, let your Spir - it meet us here to mend the bod - y, mind, and soul,
 to car - ry all through death to life and cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
 the pri - vate ag - o - nies in side, the mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
 to dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

Prayers of the People

Merciful God...

Debbie Walker

Make your broken people whole.

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 506

Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill (Chorus Only)

HEALER

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
 give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Invitation to Stewardship

Nancy Walker

Offertory

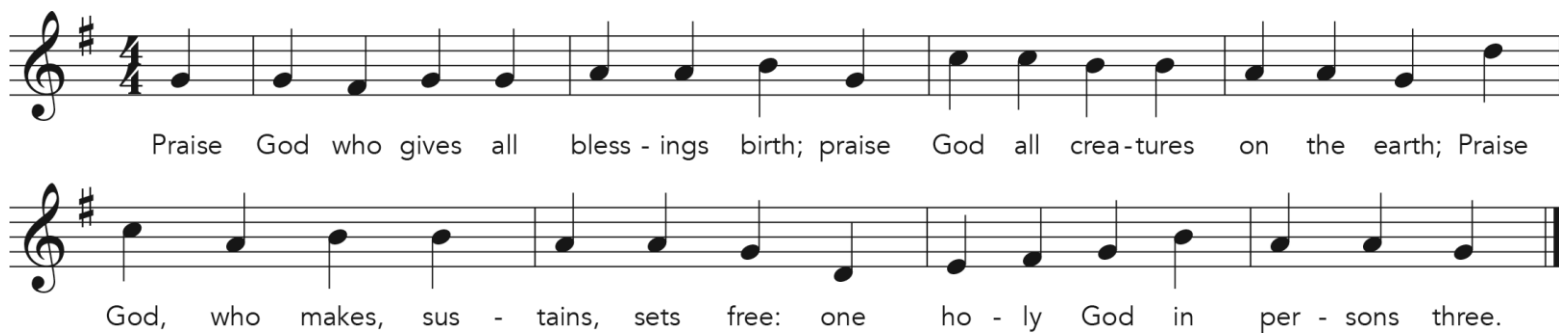
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Dan Forrest)

Maggie Johns

Doxology

Praise God Who Gives All Blessings Birth²

TALLIS' CANNON



Praise God who gives all bless - ings birth; praise God all crea - tures on the earth; Praise God, who makes, sus - tains, sets free: one ho - ly God in per - sons three.

The Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Mercy Out Loud and Proud

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

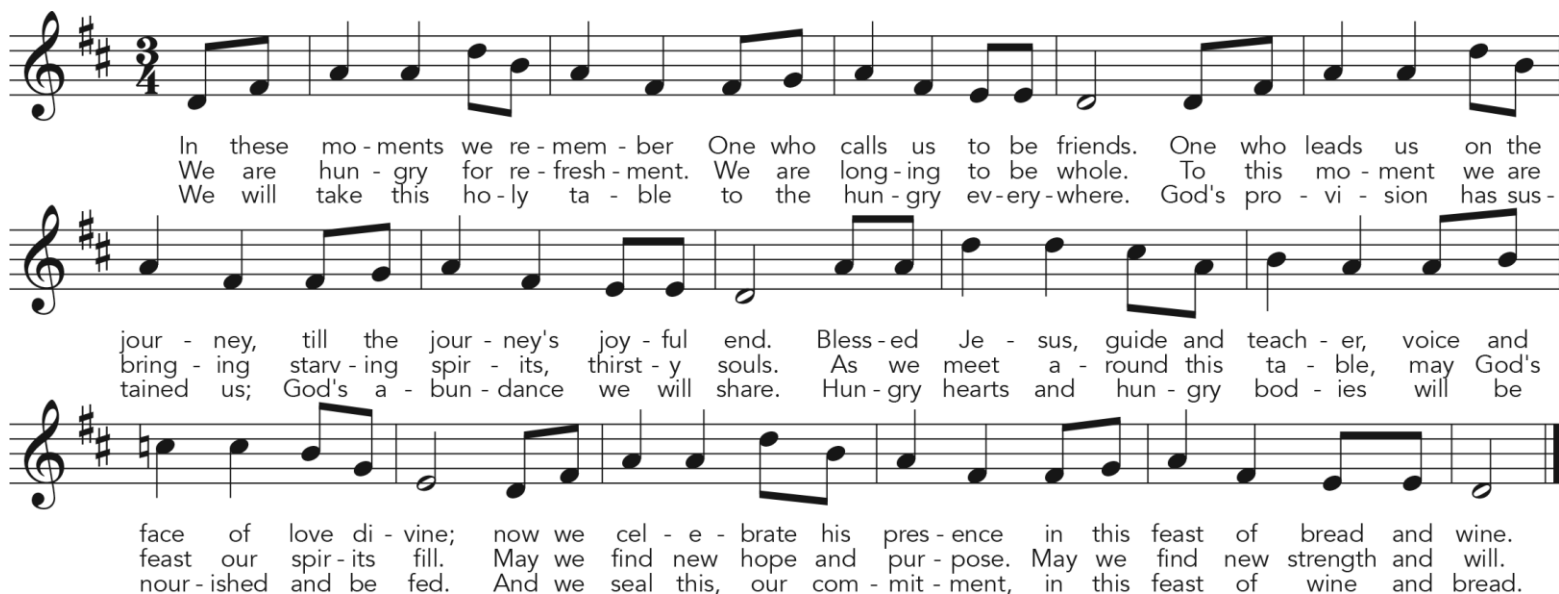
"What we must look for is God's mercy. God's mercy shown through our own."

—Madeleine L'Engle, *A Live Coal in the Sea*

Hymn of Communion

In These Moments We Remember³

MEDEMA



In these mo - ments we re - mem - ber One who calls us to be friends. One who leads us on the journey, till the jour - ney's joy - ful end. Bless - ed Je - sus, guide and teach - er, voice and feast our spir - its fill. Now we cel - e - brate his pres - ence in this feast of bread and wine. We are hun - gry for re - fresh - ment. We are long - ing to be whole. To this mo - ment we are nour - ished and be fed. We will take this ho - ly ta - ble to the hun - gry ev - ery - where. God's pro - vi - sion has sus - tained us; God's a - bun - dance we will share. Hun - gry hearts and hun - gry bod - ies will be And we seal this, our com - mit - ment, in this feast of wine and bread.

Invitation to Commune

Debbie Walker

Prayer at the Table

Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Debbie Walker

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 655

Community of Christ

LEONI

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Today's artwork is: Woman with the Flow of Blood by Frank Wesley. Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth-generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He belongs to the Lucknow school of painting. His paintings reflect this influence and that of the Chughtai school of painting that flourished in India at the turn of the century. Wesley made art based on both biblical and secular themes. He used water colours, oil paintings, miniatures and wooden carvings. Wesley's painting "Blue Madonna" was used for the first UNICEF Christmas card, while five of his paintings were exhibited at the 1950 Holy Year Exhibition in the Vatican. He is also known for designing the funeral urn for Mahatma Gandhi's ashes.

¹WORDS: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1989; MUSIC: Scottish melody

²WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1992; MUSIC: Thomas Tallis, 1567

³WORDS and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 2009

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, June 7

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

Monday, June 8

- 5:00-7:00 Bible, Burger, & Beer at the Foundry

Tuesday, June 9

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

Friday, June 12

- 12:15pm: Sol Rizzato at Music at Midday, National City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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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