



The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
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## Worship of God

June 14, 2026, 9:30am: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour		The Atwood Carillon
Greeting	The Spirit of God is with you... <b>And also with you!</b>	Nathan A. Russell
Call to Worship	Lift up your hearts... <b>We lift them to the Lord!</b>	Nathan A. Russell
Prelude	<i>Variations on HOLY MANNA</i>	
Meditation for Preparation	<p>"And I have one of those very loud, stupid laughs. I mean if I ever sat behind myself in a movie or something, I'd probably lean over and tell myself to please shut up."          –J.D. Salinger, <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i></p>	
Hymn of Praise	<i>God of Grace and God of Laughter</i> <sup>1</sup> (Back cover)	HOLY MANNA
Invocation		Jane Hutson
Hymn of Prayer	<i>O God in Whom All Life Begins</i> <sup>2</sup>	RESIGNATION

O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to  
 U - nite in in mu - tual min - is - try joy, our en - large our hands and  
 Through tears and laugh - ter, grief, and joy, en - large our trust and  
 fruit, be - stow your bless - ing on grace our lives; here let your love find  
 hearts that so we bind us may have in the com - mu - ni - ty that pow'r your may peace im -  
 care; so bind us may have in the com - mu - ni - ty that pow'r your may peace risk and  
 root. Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and  
 parts. So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy sing, your  
 dare. Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and  
 peace; de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
 name that in send all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
 pray, then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Prayers of the People

O God in whom all life begins...  
 Send us forth in power and faith.

Sue Pray

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 593

*Lead Me, Lord*

LEAD ME LORD

Invitation to Stewardship

Virginia Douglas

Offertory

*The Journey*

Doxology

*The God of Sarah Praise<sup>3</sup>*

LEONI

The God of Sa - rah praise, the God of dreams long dead, who brings froth un - ex -  
 pect - ed life, dis - arm - ing dread. Though grief lasts through the night, joy  
 ris - es with the sun; God leaves us laugh - ing in sur - prise at death un - done.

Reading Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 Nathan A. Russell  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *LOL: Laughing Out Loud* Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence  
"It had been the longest time since she had had a rib-scraping laugh. She had forgotten how deep and down it could be. So different from the miscellaneous giggles and smiles she had learned to be content with these past few years."  
-Toni Morrison, *Sula*

Hymn of Communion 14 *Womb of Life, and Source of Being* IN BABILONE

Invitation to Commune Sue Pray

Prayer at the Table Lill McNeal

Words of Institution Sue Pray

Invitation to Discipleship Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship *God Called to Abraham<sup>4</sup>* LEONI

God called to A - bra - ham, con - tent and safe at home,  
When Ha - gar ran a - way from ter - ror, taunt, and tease,  
When Sar - ah laughed out loud, an - oth - er voice are broke through:  
When life seems at its end and pros - pects are not clear,

"Go from your coun - try and your kin and start to roam."  
she found a wa - ter spring and named the God who sees.  
"Is an - y - thing too won - der - ful for God to do?"  
we press on toward the reign of God de - spite our fear.

By faith he trav - eled on in sta - ges toward a place  
A son she had con - ceived, though mocked through bit - ter jeers,  
The par - ents wait - ed long, then wel - comed joy at morn -  
By faith we tread the path un - seen be - fore our eyes,

where yet God would show how God pro - vides sus - tain - ing grace.  
for God is known through Ish - ma - el as God who hears.  
as - sured that God still holds us fast and will sur - prise.

Benediction and Charge Nathan A. Russell

Postlude *Ain't That the Gospel Truth*  
And all the people said... **AMEN!**



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<sup>1</sup>WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989; MUSIC: William Moore; *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

<sup>2</sup>WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1990; MUSIC: *Southern Harmony*, 1835

<sup>3</sup>WORDS: David Bjorlin, 2019; MUSIC: Hebrew melody, transcribed by Meyer Leoni c. 1770

<sup>4</sup>WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2025; MUSIC: Hebrew melody, transcribed by Meyer Leoni c. 1770

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Weekly Calendar

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

### Sunday, June 14

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

### Monday, June 15

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

### Tuesday, June 16

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

### Wednesday, June 17

- 5:30-7:00-pm Girl Scout Troop #60163 Mtg. in the Music Room
- 5:00-8:00pm: Potluck at the Pastor's

### Friday, June 19

- Federal Holiday: Juneteenth



We are thrilled that you are worshipping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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