



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

Worship of God

June 21, 2026, 9:30am: Fourth 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 *Prelude on UNION SEMINARY* Brian Wentzel

Meditation for Preparation

"If you're going to care about the fall of the sparrow you can't pick and choose who's going to be the sparrow. It's everybody, and you're stuck with it."

—Madeleine L'Engle, *The Arm of the Starfish*

Hymn of Praise 6 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

Invocation Susan Mathes

Hymn of Prayer *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*¹ (Reverse) PICARDY

Prayers of the People Pam Sheetz

God, the everlasting instant...
Lead us through death into life.

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 306 *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* HEAR OUR PRAYER

Invitation to Stewardship Lauri Warfield

Offertory *Variations on NETTLETON* Brian Wentzel

Doxology 606 v. 1 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* NETTLETON



God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store, na-ture's won-der, Je-sus'
wis - dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door: gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering
up our - selves in praise; thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.

The Reading *Matthew 10:24-39* Nathan A. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *From Whisper to Rooftop* Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"We are lovely as sparrows, and all sparrows are sweet. No one thinks, 'That sparrow is kind of a loser, and boy, is that one letting herself go.'"

—Anne Lamott, *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope*

Hymn of Communion 392

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

Invitation to Commune

Pam Sheetz

Prayer at the Table

Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution

Pam Sheetz

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

How Many Times We Start Again²

KINGSFOLD

How man - y times we start a - gain on faith's un - wind - ing way:
 Be - fore we go, we look a - round, sur - vey - ing where we are.
 But great - ter than the cost we find is our ex - pand - ed view
 With ea - ger hope we now de - part the plac - es that we know

we want, O Lord, to set - tle in, to build a home and stay,
 Some ask, why leave fa - mil - iar ground for some - where strange and far?
 of what it means with heart and mind to trust and fol - low you:
 to trav - el re - gions in your heart where you would have us go.

but then a dream, a voice, a light dis - turbs our peace and rest
 We know from all our start - ings out each jour - ney has its cost:
 we hear a mu - sic nev - er heard, a dif - f'rent light de - scends,
 In you we live and move and dwell. As close as breath and prayer,

and sets be - fore our strain - ing sight new sta - ges on our quest.
 that some - times - faith gives way to doubt, and some - times we get lost.
 and meet - ing stran - gers we are stirred to God wel - come them as friends.
 you are our home, Em - man - u - el, God with us ev - ery - where.

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Postlude on KINGSFOLD
 And all the people said...
AMEN!

Brian Wentzel

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¹WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1984; MUSIC: French traditional, 17th century

²WORDS: Thomas E. Troeger, 2009; MUSIC: Traditional English melody

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain, stripped of might up - on the cross,
 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!

You, peace - mak - er and sword bring - er of the way you took and gave.
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry, beg - gar'd by a sol - dier's toss,
 You, who preach a - way that's nar - row, have a love that reach - es wide.
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry. Wor - thy still your peace and strife.

You, the ev - er last - ing in - stant; you, whom, we both scorn and crave.
 you the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are both gift and cost.
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, June 21

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

Monday, June 22

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

Tuesday, June 23

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:00am-1:00pm: Labyrinth & Lunch in the Elders' Conf. Room & Youth Room

Sunday, June 28

- 9:30: Sunday Worship: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
- 11:00 Congregational Church Meeting/Vote



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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