



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

Worship of God

June 28, 2026, 9:30am: Fifth 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

All Are Welcome (arr. Mark Hayes)

Maggie Johns

Meditation for Preparation

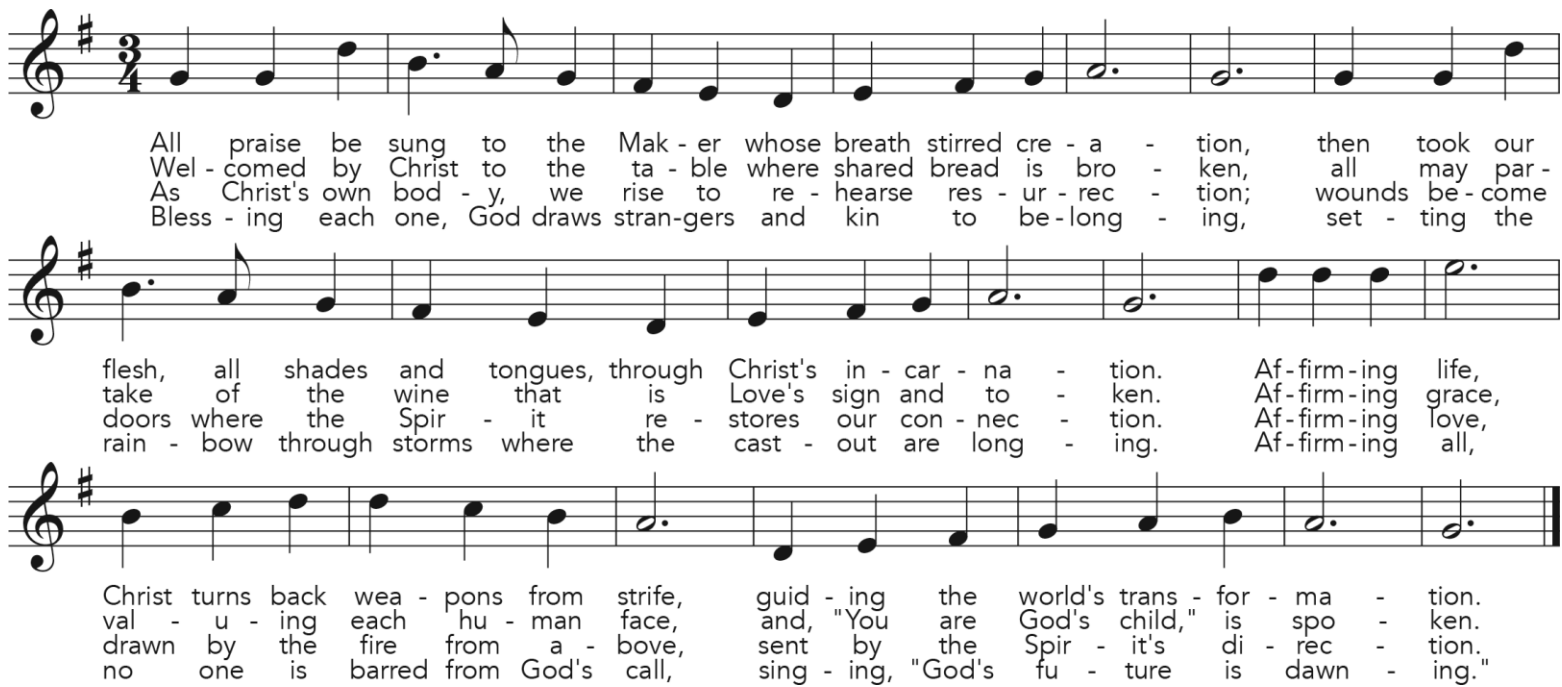
"The welcome book would have taught us that power and signs of status can't save us, that welcome—both offering and receiving—is our source of safety. Various chapters and verses of this book would remind us that we are wanted and even occasionally delighted in, despite the unfortunate truth that we are greedy-grabby, self-referential, indulgent, overly judgmental, and often hysterical. Somehow that book "went missing." Or when the editorial board of bishops pored over the canonical lists from Jerusalem and Alexandria, they arbitrarily nixed the book that states unequivocally that you are wanted, even rejoiced in."

—Anne Lamott, *Small Victories*

Hymn of Praise

*As We Lift Praise to the Maker*¹

LOBE DEN HERREN



All praise be sung to the Mak - er whose breath stirred cre - a - tion, then took our
Wel - comed by Christ to the ta - ble where shared bread is bro - ken, all may par -
As Christ's own bod - y, we rise to re - hearse res - ur - rec - tion; wounds be - come
Bless - ing each one, God draws stran - gers and kin to be - long - ing, set - ting the
flesh, all shades and tongues, through Christ's in - car - na - tion. Af - firm - ing life,
take of the wine that is Love's sign and to - ken. Af - firm - ing grace,
doors where the Spir - it re - stores our con - nec - tion. Af - firm - ing love,
rain - bow through storms where the cast - out are long - ing. Af - firm - ing all,
Christ turns back wea - pons from strife, guid - ing the world's trans - for - ma - tion.
val - u - ing each hu - man face, and, "You are God's child," is spo - ken.
drawn by the fire from a - bove, sent by the Spir - it's di - rec - tion.
no one is barred from God's call, sing - ing, "God's fu - ture is dawn - ing."

Invocation

Bob Rieth

Hymn of Prayer 457

Colorful Creator

HOUGHTON

Prayers of the People

Colorful creator... Open us to your presence.

Gerald Western

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 605 v. 3

For Each Day of Life We Thank You

CHARLESTOWN

Invitation to Stewardship

Ron Dauphin

Offertory

Maggie Johns

Doxology

Take, O God, the Gifts We Offer²

OURS THE JOURNEY

Take, O God, the gifts we of - fer, trust - ing that your reign will bring jus - tice that will
flow like foun - tains, life from your a - bun - dant spring. God, our true and ho - ly par - ent,
here we sing our praise to you. Let us see your fu - ture dawn - ing and your world made new!

The Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

Nathan A. Russell

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

Sermon

Welcome, Y'all

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Community means we're collaborating. It means that you help my children and my old people and I help yours. It means we are in this together. Most of us are perhaps a tiny bit self-absorbed, and good at keeping out people who don't look, vote, or act like our friends, and that's very nice. But a good community includes all those other people and those of us at the edges. Welcomes are offered: hey, come on into the circle — yeah, you. You with your nose in the air, or a neck tattoo, a walker or a Rolls."

—Anne Lamott, *Small Victories*

Hymn of Communion

*Joy and Wonder, Love and Longing*³ (Back Cover)

CHAPOTON

Invitation to Commune

Gerald Western

Prayer at the Table

Mark Mathes

Words of Institution

Gerald Western

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*All the Colors of the Rainbow*⁴

ABBOT'S LEIGH

All the col - ors of the rain - bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
All the bod - y's parts are want - ed, nor can one de - spise the ap - pear:
Ev - ery lan - guage gains more mu - sic when the words for - peace - ful - ly live.
Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
head and hand must work to - geth - er, as must eye, ear, throat, and chest;
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ah, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Fri - en - den, Mir.
Wean us from our self - ish hab - its; let us lis - ten, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - is - tries:
Though our tongues make sounds that its var - y im - age in each hu - man heart mon - home:
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
var - ied gifts with one end great mis - sion, 'Do for life and the least of these."
long - ing for how those a - round us can be chan - nels of God's Sha - lom.
and be - hold the how those a - round us can be chan - nels of God's Sha - lom. your grace.

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

¹WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2026; MUSIC: Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665³WORDS: Mary Louise Bringle, 2002; MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2004²WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2026; MUSIC: Julian B. Rush, 1979⁴WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 2016; MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941


Joy and won - der, love and long - ing, draw us to this fes - tive day,
I - vory of the stone - ground flour, am - ber of the grow - ing wheat,
Red of gar - nets, ru - gies, ros - es glis - tens in the cup - we lift,
Like the col - ors of the rain - bow all re - fract - ing from one light,

ju - bi - lee of trans - for - ma - tion. O - pen wide our eyes, we pray:
gold bi - loaves, fresh - baked and fra - grant, where earth's bread and heav - en's meet:
Wine be - comes the blood of heal - ing, shed as life's and most pre - cious gift.
gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions gath - er at this ho - ly rite

like dis - ci - ples gone be - fore us, grant us, gra - cious God, to see
Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, now in - vites us the morn - ing feast
Scar - let as the pom - e - gran - ate, crim - son as the bun - dant skies,
where the hun - gry and the thirst - ing taste from God's a - bun - dant store,

in the em - blems of this ban - quet shad - ings of your mys - ter - y.
con - se - crat - ed on the ta - ble fur - nished by the great High Priest.
Christ as seed and fruit and flow - er lives to die, and dies to rise.
and the Son's self - emp - tying splen - dor fills our hearts for - ev - er - more.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, June 28

- 11:00am: 11:00 Congregational Church Meeting/Vote
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Monday, June 29

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

Tuesday, June 30

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour

Wednesday, July 1

- 5:30-7:00-pm Girl Scout Troop #60163 Mtg. in the Music Room

Friday, July 3

- July 4th Federal Holiday observed



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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