



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

Worship of God

July 5, 2026, 9:30am: Sixth 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

Here I Am, Lord (arr. Julie Hoffman)

Julie Evans Hoffman

Meditation for Preparation

"How many people, I wonder, can be penned up and tormented—reeducated—before it begins to matter to the majority of Americans? How does this penning people up look to other countries? Do they know? Would they care? There are worse things happening here in the States and elsewhere, I know."

—Octavia Butler, *Parable of the Talents*

Hymn of Praise

*O God, We Gather in this Place*¹

ELLACOMBE

Invocation

Bonnie Jackson

Hymn of Prayer 353

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

Prayers of the People

Debbie Walker

God, who welcomes the weary...
Help us rest in you.

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 305

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Invitation to Stewardship

Don Hange, Jr.

Offertory

Julie Evans Hoffman, Marnie Reber, Kurtis B. Hoffman
Rain Down on Me (Ruth Elaine Schram)

Doxology 15 v. 5

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

MARION

Praise God who rules all worlds; the ris - en Christ a - dore.

Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.

The Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Woe and Welcome

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Discipline of Silence

"What is most real is not the scheming of tyrants or the lies of those in power. What is most real is not that might makes right or that greatness is defined by the size of one's arsenal. What is most real, we Christians claim, is the power of God revealed in one who suffers in love and trusts that right has been made right not through might but through mercy, repentance, and resurrection."

—Lee C. Camp, *Scandalous Witness*

Hymn of Communion

Gracious God, You Call Your People²

RUSTINGTON



Gra - cious God, you call your peo - ple to your Ta - ble through your Word: sum - mon
Word In - car - nate, dwell - ing with us, shar - ing hu - man joy and pain, heal - ing,
Ho - ly Spir - it, life - be - stow - er, po - tent wind and ur - gent flame, may your
Tri - une God, di - verse, u - nit - ed, source of true com - mu - ni - ty, from whose

us through all our sens - es, let our hearts and minds be stirred. Root us
bless - ing, dy - ing, ris - ing, mak - ing all things new a - gain: still pro -
gifts and fruits bring bless - ing to all those who bear dig - ni - ty: Guard us
shared im - plant - ed im - age comes all hu - man bear dig - ni - ty: help us

in th'a - pos - tles' teach - ing, joined in fel - low - ship and prayers, yet like
claim your Good News through us in dai - ly give and take; help us
from the snares of e - vil, but when on sin's path we stray, give us
guide the plow of jus - tice well adn right - ly, deep and true, carv - ing

bread that breaks to feed us, give us faith that risks and dares.
love and serve our neigh - bor with your grace and life - giv - ing sake.
grace to turn, re - pent - ant, back to God's hearts to grace a - new.
room for peace to flour - ish, op - 'ning

Invitation to Commune

Debbie Walker

Prayer at the Table

Sue Pray

Words of Institution

Debbie Walker

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 357

We Call Ourselves Disciples

LANCASHIRE

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Julie Evans Hoffman & Kurtis B. Hoffman

Irish Blessing & The Gift of Love (arr. Julie Hoffman)

And all the people said... **AMEN!**

O God, we gath - er in this place to make a joy - ful sound;
 O God, we strive to do your will as fol - l'wers of the way;
 O God, we long for to your sha - lom that brings a last - ing peace.
 O God, help us to pledge our all with new re - solve to - day.

as in - stru - ments and voic - es blend, we sing of truth pro - found.
 but doubt takes hold of heart and mind, and from your path we stray.
 We hear the an - cient proph - ets' cry: "The bound shall have re - lease!"
 Give us the faith to per - se - vere through strug - gle and de - lay.

You meet us here and where we roam through heights and depths of earth.
 Your grace still finds us where we are, yet does not leave us there;
 Through acts of jus - tice we pur - sue an end to war and strife;
 Your won - drous bless - ings o - ver - flow the bound - 'ries we have drawn;

You guide us to the reign of Christ and prom - ise us new birth.
 but lifts us up to a gain and to trust your love and care.
 we la - bor for a fu - ture where all share a - bun - dant life.
 of - fer back our grat - i - tude at ev - ery break of dawn.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, July 5

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

Tuesday, July 7

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



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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