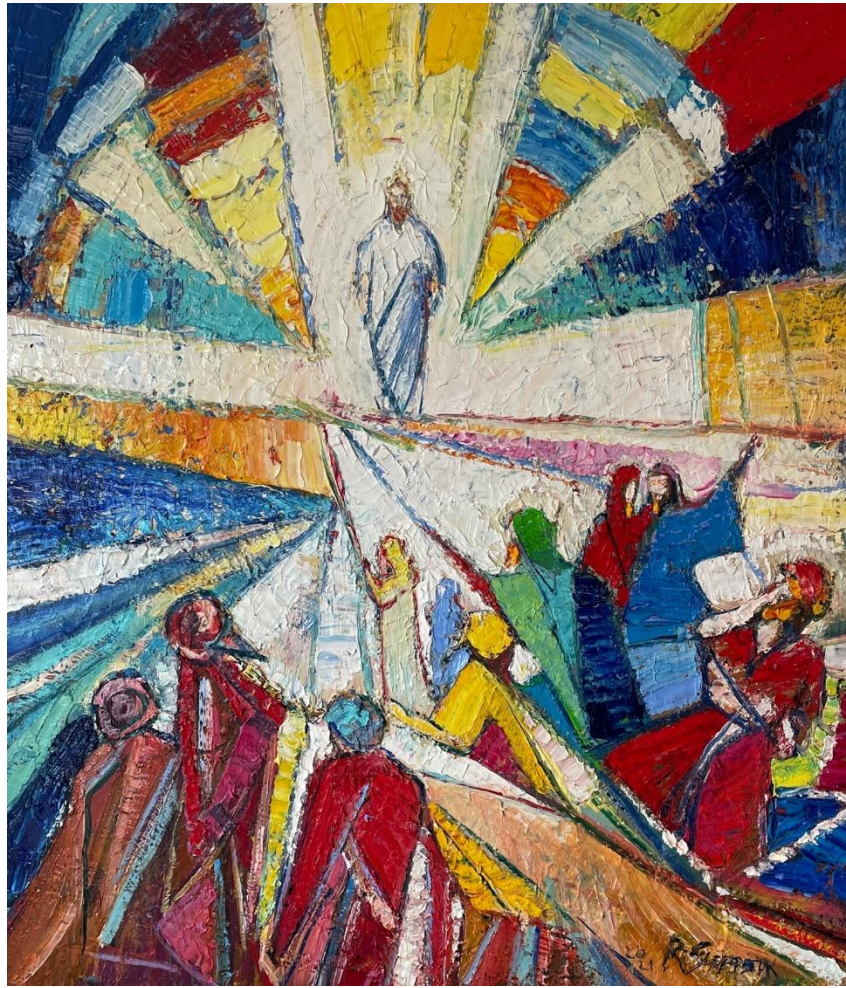




The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
gather for the

Worship of God

July 12, 2026, 9:30am: 7th 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

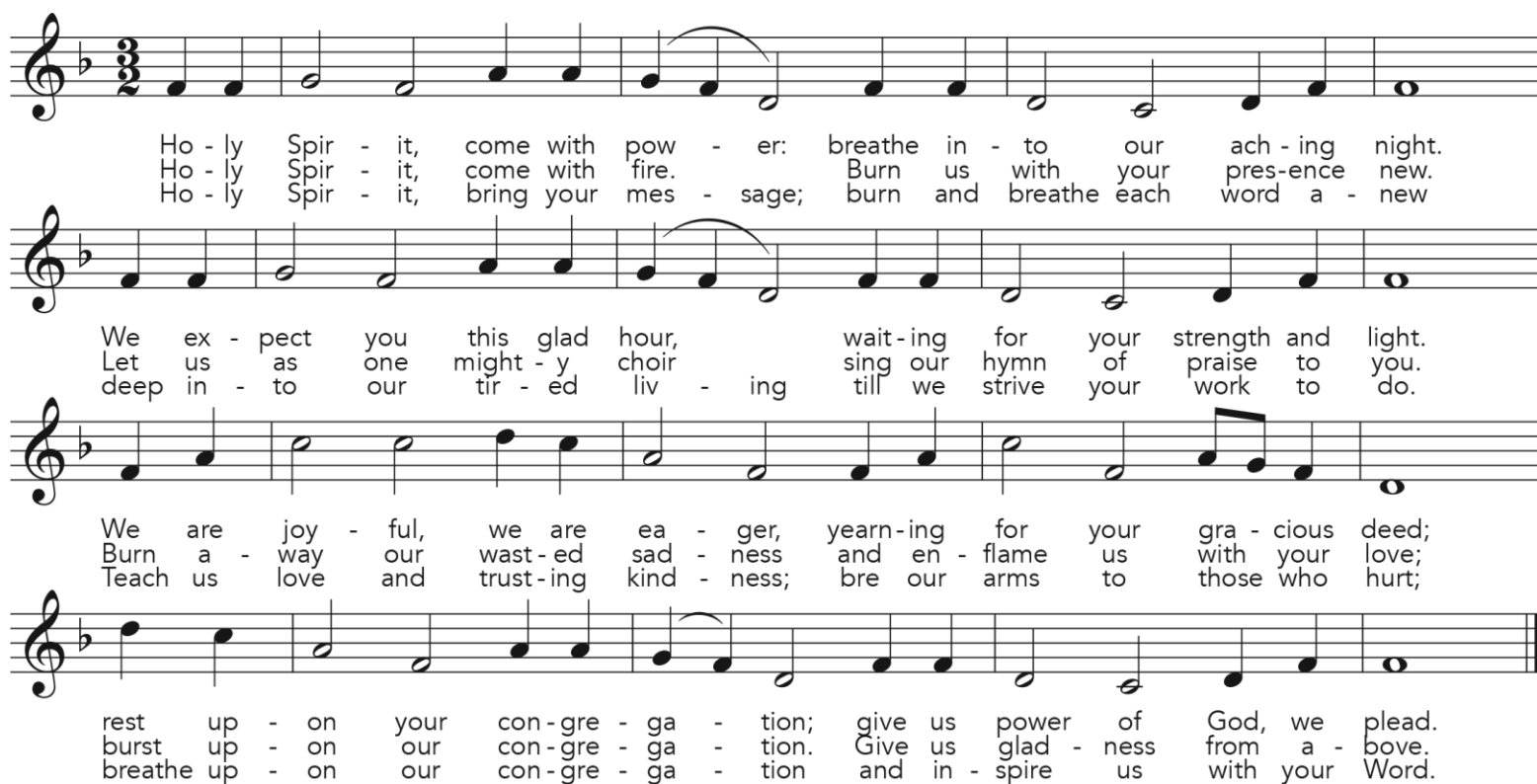
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (arr. L. Larson)

Maggie Johns

Meditation for Preparation

"When you read one of Paul's letters, or any other New Testament letter, you are reading someone else's mail. Christians often forget this. They read Paul's letters as though he wrote just for them. This works fine most of the time; Paul's instructions, his theological reflections and his practical concerns are amazingly timeless. But they become most meaningful, and we are least likely to misapply their teaching, when we seek to understand why he may have written this or that to a given church."

—Adam Hamilton, *Making Sense of the Bible*



Ho - ly Spir - it, come with pow - er: breathe in - to our ach - ing night.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come with fire. Burn us with your pres - ence new.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, bring your mes - sage; burn and breathe each word a - new

We ex - pect you this glad hour, wait - ing for your strength and light.
 Let us as you one might - y choir, sing our hymn of praise to you.
 deep in - to our tir - ed liv - ing till we strive your work to do.

We are joy - ful, we are ea - ger, yearn - ing for your gra - cious deed;
 Burn a - way our, we are sad - ness and en - flame us with your love;
 Teach us love and trust - ing kind - ness; bre our arms to those who hurt;

rest up - on your con - gre - ga - tion; give us power of God, we plead.
 burst up - on our con - gre - ga - tion. Give us glad - ness from a - bove.
 breathe up - on our con - gre - ga - tion and in - spire us with your Word.

Invocation

Ken Oblak

Hymn of Prayer 62

Creator God, Creating Still

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Prayers of the People

Creator God...

Lauri Warfield

We need your presence still.

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 245 v. 2

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM



To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the Vine, to the church in faith as -

sem - bled, to our midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Invitation to Stewardship

Mark Mathes

Offertory

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (arr. Mark Hayes)

Maggie Johns



The Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Nathan A. Russell

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

Sermon

Dear Paul

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Plato spoke of the necessity for divine madness in the poet. It is a frightening thing to open oneself to this strange and dark side of the divine; it means letting go of our sane self-control, that control which gives us the illusion of safety. But safety is only an illusion, and letting it go is part of listening to the silence, and to the Spirit."

—Madeleine L'Engle, *Walking on Water*

Hymn of Communion 393

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONEBODY

Invitation to Commune

Lauri Warfield

Prayer at the Table

Debby Willets

Words of Institution

Lauri Warfield

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

We Are God's People² (Back Cover)

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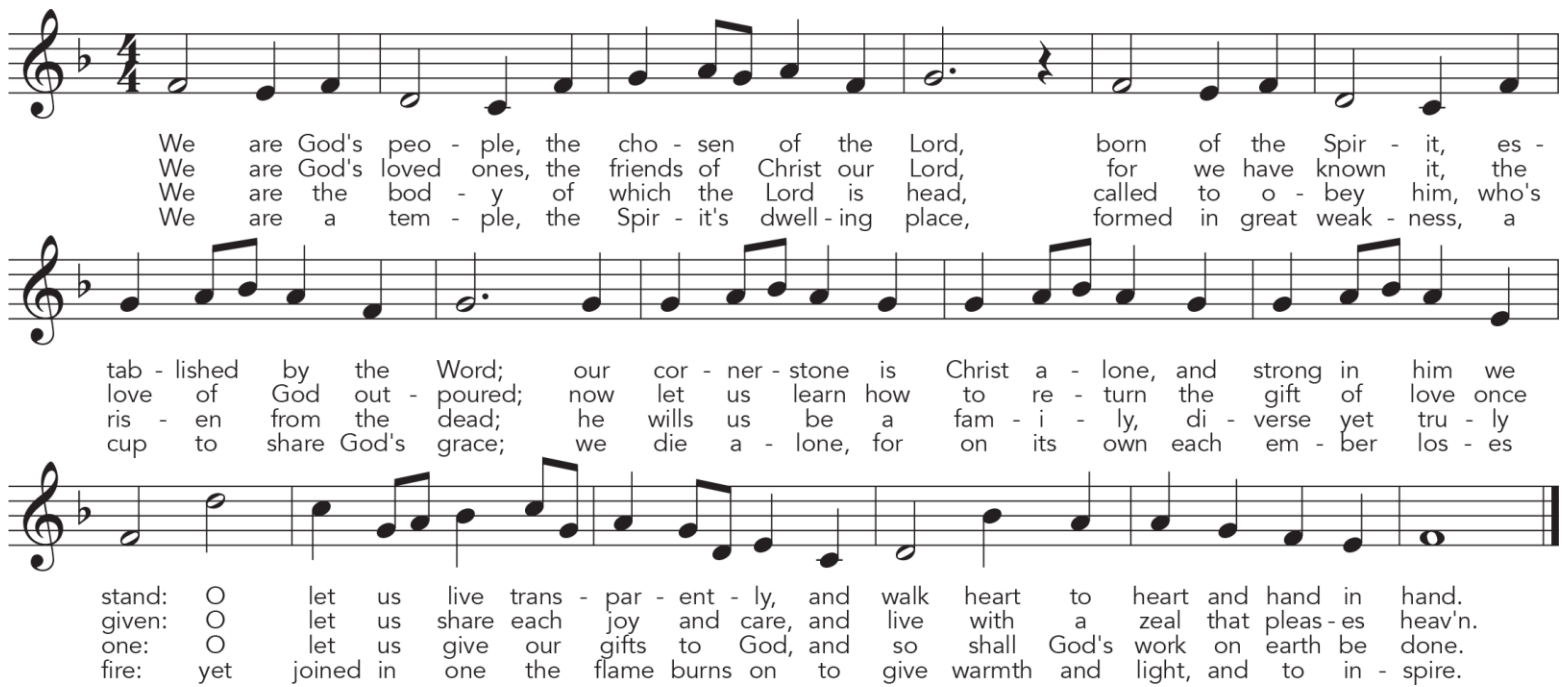
Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Spirit of the Living God (arr. Schreiber)
 And all the people said...
AMEN!

Maggie Johns



We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of the Spir - it, es -
 We are God's loved ones, the friends of Christ our Lord, for we have known it, the
 We are the bod - y of which the Lord is head, called to o - bey him, who's
 We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great weak - ness, a
 tab - lished by the Word; our cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, and strong in him we
 love of God out - poured; now let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once
 ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly
 cup to share God's grace; we die a - lone, for on its own each em - ber los - es
 stand: O let us live trans - par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 given: O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.
 one: O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall God's work on earth be done.
 fire: yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, July 12

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

Tuesday, July 14

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

Wednesday, July 15

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



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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