



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

Worship of God

July 19, 2026, 9:30am: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of God is with you...
And also with you!

Gerald Western

Call to Worship

Lift up your hearts...
We lift them to the Lord!

Gerald Western

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision (arr. Jim Hammerly)

Cory Isler-Manzo

Meditation for Preparation

"Each night, without fail, she prayed for blue eyes. Fervently, for a year she had prayed. Although somewhat discouraged, she was not without hope. To have something as wonderful as that would take a long, long time."

—Toni Morrison, *The Bluest Eye*

Hymn of Praise 88

All My Hope on God Is Founded

NEANDER

Invocation

Cindy Jackson

Hymn of Prayer

Let Us Pray for One Another¹

DECATUR



Let us pray for one an - oth - er that our minds and hearts may blend as we grow in love and
We are walk - ing down time's vis - ta; Zi - on's ban - ner now un - furled calls to stew - ard - ship of
O'er the world the day is dawn - ing through the Spir - it's light and power when the peo - ple of all

mer - cy, day by day, till life shall end. We can see how oth - ers need us; may we
car - ing and re - demp - tion of the world. Let us pray that we may ev - er sense God's
na - tions sense the chal - lenge of this hour. That our lives may now be giv - en to each

al - so dare to say that in love we'll share to - geth - er, for each oth - er let us pray.
guid - ance in the way; as we try to live for oth - ers, for each oth - er let us pray.
oth - er in God's way, in the name of Christ the Sav - ior, for each oth - er let us pray.

Prayers of the People

Spirit of light and power...
Guide us on the way.

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 250 v. 3

O Breath of Life

ST. CLEMENT



O Breath of Love, come, breathe with - in us, re - new - ing thought and will and heart.

Come, love of Christ, a - fresh to win us; re - vive your church in ev - ery part.

Invitation to Stewardship

Debbie Walker

Offertory *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* (arr. Lloyd Larson) Cory Isler-Manzo

Doxology 49 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre-a-tor's praise a - rise: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re-deem-er's name be sung through ev-ery land, in ev-ery tongue.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Reading Romans 8:12-25 Kelly Brill
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Patience and Hope...Really?* Kelly Brill

Discipline of Silence
"I heard a preacher say recently that hope is a revolutionary patience; let me add that so is being a writer. Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up."
—Anne Lamott, *Bird by Bird*

Hymn of Communion 400 *When You Do This, Remember Me* LORETTO

Invitation to Commune Sue Pray

Prayer at the Table Gerald Western

Words of Institution Sue Pray

Invitation to Discipleship Gerald Western

Hymn of Discipleship *When the World Is Torn and Broken²* (Back Cover) RUSTINGTON

Benediction and Charge Kelly Brill

Postlude *I Love to Tell the Story* (arr. Bill Wolaver)
And all the people said...
AMEN!

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¹WORDS: Maurice L. Draper, alt. adapt. David H. Smith, 1980; MUSIC: Scottish Melody ²WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2025; MUSIC: C. Hubert Parry, 1897



When the world is torn and broken, we find hope in u - ni - ty - not in
 Al - ways giv - ing, God and pro - vides us gifts to stew - ard and to bless; from these
 Com - ing with our var - ied sto - ries, we em - brace di - ver - si - ty, know - ing
 Con - se - crate your Church with glo - ry, O God, help us bear your light; guide us

same - ness nor time in like - ness, but in Christ who sets us free. So we
 tal - ents, in full and trea - sure we give back with grate - ful - ness. Let us
 grace in your Spir - it mea - sure we when we live in eq - ui - ty. As we
 with your it as we walk by faith and not by sight. Let us

wres - tle with each chal - lenge, ur - ging jus - tice, truth, sha - lom, till cre -
 of - fer our com - mit - ment to the tasks God calls us through, trust - ing
 gath - er round Christ's ta - ble, feast - ing with the saints as to one: "God is
 seek your reign of good - ness, call - ing all the world to be wit - ness -

a - tion breathes its full - ness and all peo - ple find a home.
 that each day holds pro - mise, faith all and won - der born a new.
 love, and God is great for us! we joined in claim what God has bi -
 es to your great mis - sion joined in hymns of ju - has lee.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

July 19-23: Pastor Nathan at Hymn Society Annual Conference

Sunday, July 19

- 11:00am: Two Or More: Scripture discussion group {Gibbens Room}

Tuesday, July 21

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



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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