



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

Worship of God

August 9, 2026, 9:30am: Eleventh 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

Be Thou My Vision

Maggie Johns

Meditation for Preparation

"You mar our labour: keep your cabins: you do assist the storm."

—William Shakespeare, *The Tempest*

Hymn of Praise 288

O God of Vision

LOBE DEN HERREN

Invocation

Susan Mathes

Hymn of Prayer 181

The Storm Is Strong

LLEF

Prayers of the People

God of peace...
Give us your faith.

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 432

O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life

ST. PETER

Invitation to Stewardship

Don Hange, Jr.

Offertory

Joueur de harpe (Sibelius)

Maggie Johns

Doxology 54

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The Reading

Matthew 14:22-33
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Don't Give Up the Ship

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Nothing need be said; nothing could be said. There it was, all round them... something, she meant, is immune from change, and shines out... in the face of the flowing, the fleeting, the spectral."
-Virginia Wolf, *The Lighthouse*

Hymn of Communion

*The Bread We Break Is Telling*¹

JONATHAN

The bread we break is tell - ing a great - er bro - ken - ness: the bro - ken hu - man
The bread we break is tell - ing a mend - ing that will come, sur - pas - sing all the
As light breaks in - to rain - bows to show the storm is past, when bread broke, the dis -

na - ture that dared to build a cross, and cru - ci - fy the Sav - ior who
break - ing that hu - man hands have done. For ho - ly love has shat - tered the
ci - ples could see the Lord at last. O Je - sus, wel - come, wel - come! The

came to heal and mend; un - til he comes in glo - ry, we break the bread a - gain.
tomb where Je - sus lay, and he was known when shar - ing the bread at close of day.
burn - ing hearts were true; the bread and cup of bless - ing will make us one with you.

Invitation to Commune

Gerald Western

Prayer at the Table

Debbie Walker

Words of Institution

Gerald Western

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Holy Presence, Holy Teacher²

PLEADING SAVIOR

Ho - ly Pres - ence Ho - ly Teach - er, Light il - lu - min - ing our lives,
By our nur - ture, by our cul - ture ev - ery life is shaped to grow,
Yours the world of power and beau - ty, ours the task to tend its needs,
God, we pray for un - der - stand - ing in our stud - y, in our goals,

in the com - pass of your wis - dom all our work and wor - ship thrives:
fed by long tra - di - tion's learn - ing, formed by men - tors as we god;
day by day in cheer - ful serv - ice grow - ing faith like mus - tard seeds,
con - cepts that will change and chal - lenge, vi - sion to in - spire our souls,

lead us when we sense your call - ing till we find our cho - sen field,
tune our ears to hear the gos - pel ques - tion - ing ac - cept - ed thought,
striv - ing in un - like - ly plac - es, stand - ing where in - deed we must,
that this place for mind's re - flec - tion, faith ex - am - ined, word ad - dressed,

fol - low - ing your hand's di - rec - tion, hon - or - ing your truth re - vealed.
read - y to re - spect each oth - er, see the gifts that each has brought.
act - ing from com - pel - ling con - science, work - ing for what's fair and just.
be a wit - ness to your teach - ing, and our faith - ful search be blessed.

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

O God Our Help in Ages Past
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Maggie Johns

¹WORDS: Richard Leach, 2004; MUSIC: Hal Hopson, 1996

²WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 2004; MUSIC: Leavitt's *The Christian Lyre*, 1830

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, August 9

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

Tuesday, August 11

- 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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