



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

Worship of God

August 23, 2026, 9:30am: Thirteenth 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

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten BWV 691 (Bach)

Maggie Johns

Meditation for Preparation

"Well-behaved women seldom make history."

—Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, *Vertuous Women Found*

Hymn of Praise

*For All the Faithful Women*¹

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For all the faith-ful wom-en who served in days of old,
We praise your name for Mir-iam, who sang tri-um-phant-ly,
We sing of bus-y of Mar-tha, who toiled with pot and pan,
Lord, hear our praise of Dor-cas, who served the sick and poor.

to you shall thanks be giv-en; to all, their sto-ry told.
while Ph-raoh's vaunt-ed in ar-my; to lay, be-neath the a-gain.
while Mar-y sat in sil-lence, to hear heart an o-pen door.
Her hands were cups of kind-ness, her heart an o-pen door.

They served with strength and glad-ness in tasks your wis-dom gave.
for Ruth, praise who left oth-er home-land and ven-tured forth in faith,
O God, for saints and Mar-y, who has-tened to the tomb raise,
To you pledged their lives bore wit-ness, pro-claimed your power to save.

and that found her Lord and a wor-ship Na-o-mi's God till death.
that faith-ful in your ser-vice, our lives may sing and your praise.

Invocation

Ron Dauphin

Hymn of Prayer 672

Where Restless Crowds Are Thronging

MEIRIONYDD

Prayers of the People

God of all creation...

Lill McNeal

Behold your people.

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 371 (Chorus Only)

Wade in the Water

WADE IN THE WATER

Invitation to Stewardship

Dan Clark

Offertory

Piece, Op. 54 No. 1 (Amy Beach)

Maggie Johns



Praise to God for grace and fav - or shown to all who are op - pressed.

God shows stead - fast love for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!

The Reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Delicious Irony

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"One of the ironies of the culture of greed is that the people who profit the most from earnings they have not worked to attain are the most eager to insist that the poor and working classes can only value material resources attained through hard work. Of course, they are merely establishing a belief system that protects their class interests and lessens their accountability to those who are without privilege."

-bell hooks, *All About Love*

Hymn of Communion 426

The Voice of Jesus Calls His People

THE VOICE OF JESUS

Invitation to Commune

Lill McNeal

Prayer at the Table

Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Lill McNeal

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

On This Strange Bewildering Landscape² (Back cover)

JEFFERSON

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Wade in the Water (arr. Joel Raney)
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Maggie Johns

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¹WORDS: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1975, alt.; MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872

²WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2025; MUSIC: Alexander Johnson's *Tennessee Harmony*, 1818

On this strange, be-wil-d'ring land-scape, doubts con-fuse and fears as-sail.
Scrip-ture tells how faith-ful peo-ple suf-fered vio-lence on their way:
Let us learn from scores of trau-ma that have swept our strength a-way.
As we face op-pres-sive for-ces steal-ing joy and kill-ing life,
Ter-ror reigns through ty-rants' schem-ing; un-checked threat-'ning powers pre-vail.
con-quer-ed, ex-iled from their home-land, mocked for songs of God's new day.
As we stu-dy trou-bled his-t'ry, may we find re-solve to-day.
we must shun weak res-ig-na-tion as we seek to end all strife.
Though in-jus-tice still runs ramp-ant, in this so-called "gold-en age,"
Ev-en Je-sus Christ was tor-tured: cru-ci-fix-ion was the cost
God is with us in this strug-gle as we stand a- gainst the foe;
Grace cre-ates a full-er sto-ry; faith sings pro-mise in the night;
we will sing our praise and pro-test giv-ing voice to prayer and rage.
borne by one who preached God's fa-vor for the last, the least, the lost.
speak-ing truth and bring-ing jus-tice; last-ing peace God will be-stow.
hope ig-nites a fresh be-gin-ning; love dis-arms the force of might.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, August 23

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

Tuesday, August 25

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:00am-1:00pm: Labyrinth & Lunch in Elders' Conf. Room & Youth Room

Wednesday, August 26

- 5:00pm: Potluck at the Pastor's



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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