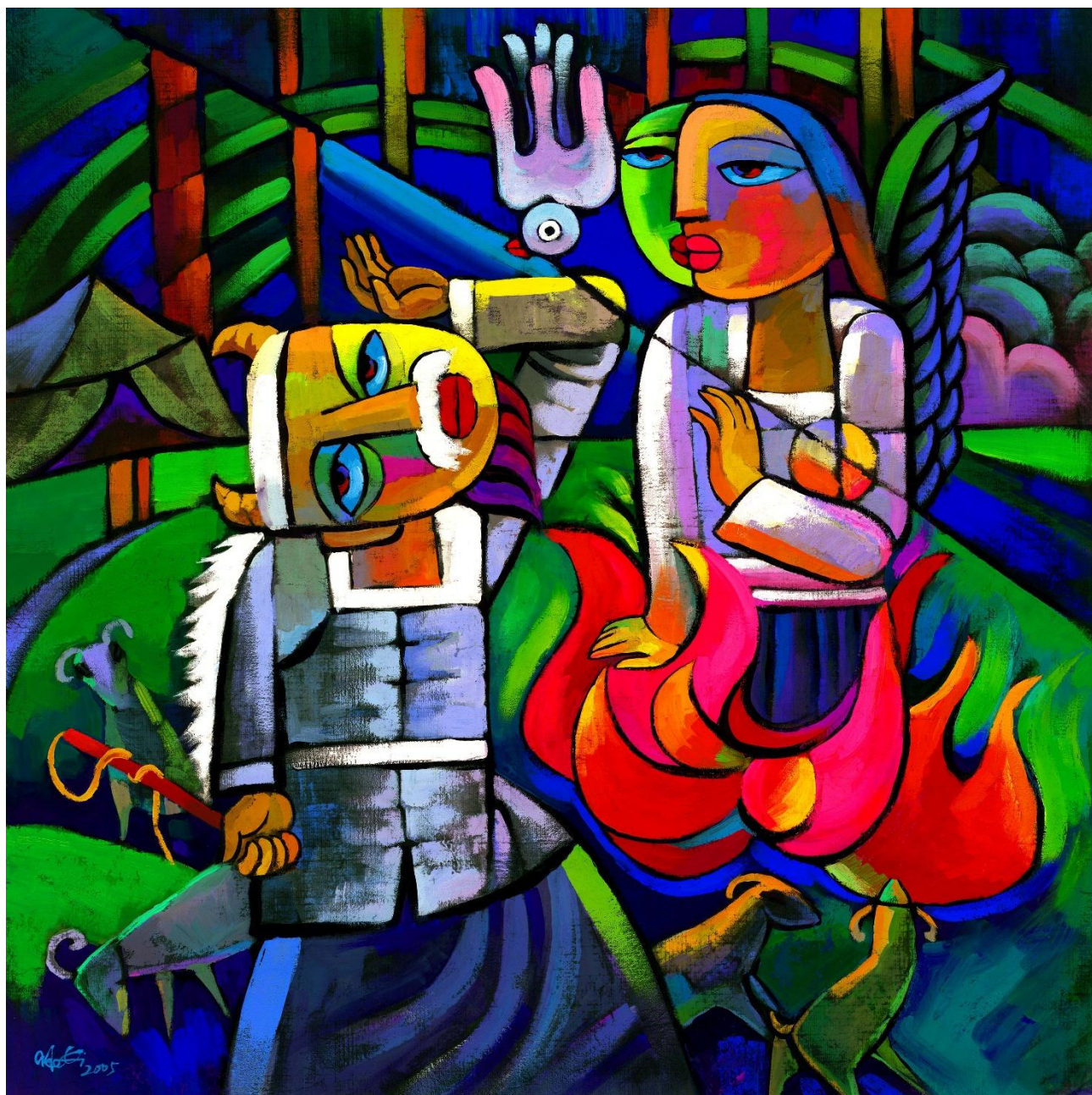




The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
gather for the

Worship of God

August 30, 2026, 9:30am: Fourteenth 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

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (arr. M. Bonds)

Brianna Mosley

Meditation for Preparation

"God's time [Emancipation] is always near. He set the North Star in the heavens; He gave me the strength in my limbs; He meant I should be free."

—Harriet Tubman, *Correspondence to Ednah Dow Cheney*

Hymn of Praise 12

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

ABERYSTWYTH

Invocation

Mary Siwierka

Hymn of Prayer

Wonderous God, More Named than Known¹

DIX



Won - drous God, more named than known, give us, firm and cer - tain grown,
Preg - nant Si - lence, live - ly Calm, Sing - er of crea - a - tion's psalm,
Save us from proud emp - ty claims, in our zeal to all give you names.
God not fe - male, God not male, God for whom all la - bels fail,

grace to doubt what we sur - mise, lest we miss the glad sur - prise
great "I Am" of burn - ing bush: still re - sist our shape to push
Let our no - tions be ex - pressed not to lim - it but sug - gest
Truth be - yond our ver - bal games, Life too vast to bound with names:

when we find your truth ex - ceeds all the for - casts of our creeds.
till you fit the names we choose, shad - ows of the light we lose.
views that i - con - like dis - close speln - dor more than we sup - pose.
from vain word - lust set us free to em - brace your mys - ter - y.

Prayers of the People

Wondrous God...

Pam Sheetz

Save us from proud empty claims.

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

Guide My Feet²

GUIDE MY FEET



Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;

guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Invitation to Stewardship

Kimberly Wilhelm

Offertory

God Help the Outcasts (Alan Menken/Stephen Schwartz)

Brianna Mosley

Doxology

Sing Glory to the Name of God³

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



The name of God is full of might: re - sound-ing thun-der, flash-ing light. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! The wil - der-ness can - not con - tain the ech-oes of the great re - frain:
Al le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Reading

Exodus 3:1-15
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Moses! Moses!

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

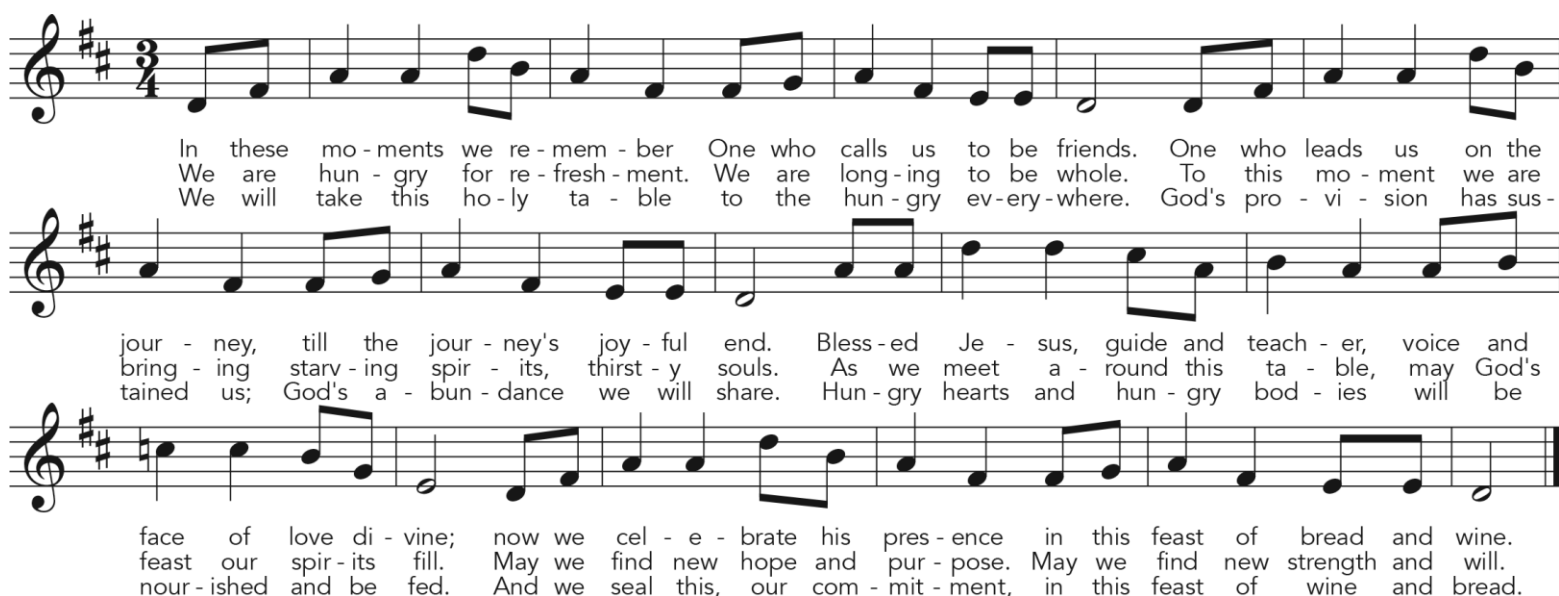
"Cause I am strong and I can prove it, and I got my dreams to see me through. It's just a mountain; I can move it, and with faith enough there's nothing I can't do. And I can see the light of a clear blue morning, and I can see the light of brand new day. I can see the light of a clear blue morning. And everything's gonna be all right, it's gonna be okay."

—Dolly Parton, *Clear Blue Morning*

Hymn of Communion

In These Moments We Remember⁴

MEDEMA



In these mo - ments we re - mem - ber One who calls us to be friends. One who leads us on the
We are hun - gry for re - fresh - ment. We are long - ing to be whole. To this mo - ment we are
We will take this ho - ly ta - ble to the hun - gry ev - ery - where. God's pro - vi - sion has sus -
jour - ney, till the jour - ney's joy - ful end. Bless - ed Je - sus, guide and teach - er, voice and
bring - ing starv - ing spir - its, thirst - y souls. As we meet a - round this ta - ble, may God's
tained us; God's a - bun - dance we will share. Hun - gry hearts and hun - gry bod - ies will be
face of love di - vine; now we cel - e - brate his pres - ence in this feast of bread and wine.
feast our spir - its fill. May we find new hope and pur - pose. May we find new strength and will.
nour - ished and be fed. And we seal this, our com - mit - ment, in this feast of wine and bread.

Invitation to Commune

Pam Sheetz

Prayer at the Table		Lauri Warfield
Words of Institution		Pam Sheetz
Invitation to Discipleship		Nathan A. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 663	<i>Go Down, Moses</i>	GO DOWN MOSES
Benediction and Charge		Nathan A. Russell
Postlude	<i>I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free</i> (Dick Dallas/Billy Taylor) And all the people said... AMEN!	Brianna Mosley

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¹WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1990; MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838

³WORDS: David Gambrell, 2009; MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623

²WORDS and MUSIC: African American Spiritual

⁴WORDS and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 2009

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

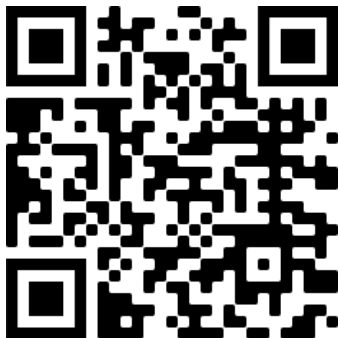
- 10:00am: Worship Committee Meeting (Hybrid)

Tuesday, September 1

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:30am-1:00pm: CHLG & Outreach Comm. Mtg. (Hybrid)
- 5:30-6:30pm: Stewardship Committee Mtg, (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 2

- 5:30-7:00pm Girl Scout Troop #60163 Mtg. in the Music Room



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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