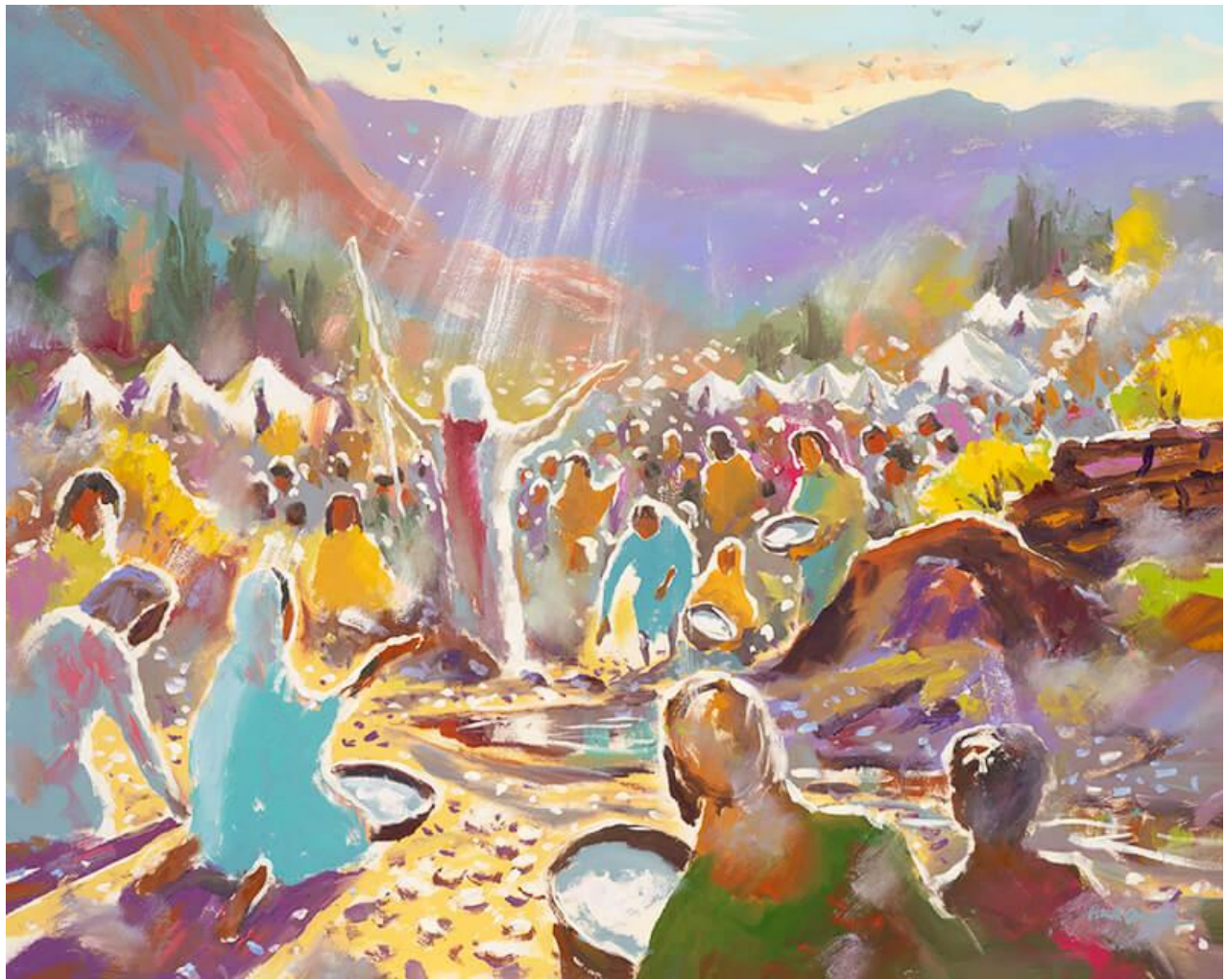




The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
gather for the

Worship of God

September 20, 2026, 9:30am: Seventeenth 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

Hymn to Joy (arr. Wayne Wold)

Brian Wentzel

Meditation for Preparation

"There is no shortage of good days. It is good lives that are hard to come by. A life of good days lived in the senses is not enough. The life of sensation is the life of greed; it requires more and more. The life of the spirit requires less and less; time is ample and its passage sweet. Who would call a day spent reading a good day? But a life spent reading—that is a good life."

—Annie Dillard, *The Writing Life*

Invocation

Marilyn Bauer

Hymn of Prayer

We Journey Without Knowing¹

LLANGLOFFAN

We journey with out know - ing to pla - ces God will show
Our life forms just a whis - per in God's e - ter - nal frame,
We sing to use the wait - ing; we pray feel to the mark the time
When chal - leng - es as sail us, we feel the grip of fear,
as yet faith un - veils the each path morn - way we yearn to see and know.
while bless - ings dawn the each morn - ing we rise in Je - sus' name.
un - cer - tain for God's prom - ise as we re - sume our climb.
The HO - LY ONE goes with us through our hearts cry out, "How
long?" here.
We stack up cairns in des - erts to mark where grace was found -
We trust the Spi - rit guides us through sor - rows, joys, and - strains.
We hope through tears and ach - ing; our through hearts val - leys steep and
"How long?" here.
The HO - LY ONE goes with us through our hearts val - leys steep and
"How long?" here.
re - mem - b'ring each en - coun - ter where God made ho - ly ground.
God's love will not de - sert us - it heals, sup - ports, sus - tains.
Yet God is sure - ly mov - ing to fell the powers of wrong.
and leads us toward the fu - ture where prom - ise is ful - filled.

Prayers of the People

God of the journey...
Lead us toward your future.

Lauri Warfield

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

Word and Sign²

LYDIA

Word and sign; pulse and breath; bread and wine; life and death;
hear the call: calm your fear. Through it all, Christ is here.

Invitation to Stewardship

Nancy Walker

Offertory

Holy Manna (arr. Chuck Marohnic)

Brian Wentzel

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (Back Cover)

HYFRYDOL

The Reading

Exodus 16:2-15
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

What if there's enough?

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Really we don't need much / just strength to believe / there's honey in the rock, / there's more than we see / in these patches of joy / these stretches of sorrow / there's enough for today / there will be enough tomorrow."

—Sara Groves, *Enough*

Hymn of Communion

*Called and Gifted for Christ's Service*³

HYMN TO JOY

Called and gift - ed for Christ's ser - vice, set a - part by God's de - sign
Called to tell God's cease - less sto - ry, writ - ten on the hal - lowed page,
Called to share the signs of heav - en: oil and wa - ter, wine and bread -
Called and claimed by word and sym - bol, passed through his - t'ry, hand in hand,
to pro - claim in word and wit - ness love - dis - rup - tive and di - vine.
an - cient truths of love and jus - tice new - ly grasped in ev - 'ry age.
gifts of God's own self that keep us sealed and sa - ted, washed and fed.
now re - ceive the Spir - it's mys - t'ry: gift both prom - ise and de - mand.
Not to stand in pride - ful priv - 'lege, or to sit in judg - ment's seat;
Words pro - claim - ing Christ a - mong us, Word made flesh, sal - va - tion's theme,
Com - mon things and com - mon peo - ple here trans - fig - ured by God's grace,
Yoked to Christ and one an - oth - er, kneel be - fore the Source of all.
but to kneel in sim - ple kind - ness hum - bly wash - ing and neigh - bor's feet.
words cre - a - ting worlds of won - der where we live and move and dream.
shaped in - to the Christ we wor - ship, formed as one go in love's em - brace.
Let us stand in ad - o - ra - tion; let us go and live our call.

Invitation to Commune

Lauri Warfield

Prayer at the Table

Lill McNeal

Words of Institution

Lauri Warfield

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWMRHONDDA

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Cwm Rhondda (arr. Paul Manz)
And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Brian Wentzel

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³WORDS: David Bjorlin, 2020; MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Heav - en, be on earth our food and stay. Al - le - lu - ia! here the
sin - ful flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er,
plead for me, where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, September 20

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

Tuesday, September 22

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



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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