



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

Worship of God

September 27, 2026, 9:30am: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Debby Willets

Call to Worship

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

Debby Willets

Meditation for Preparation

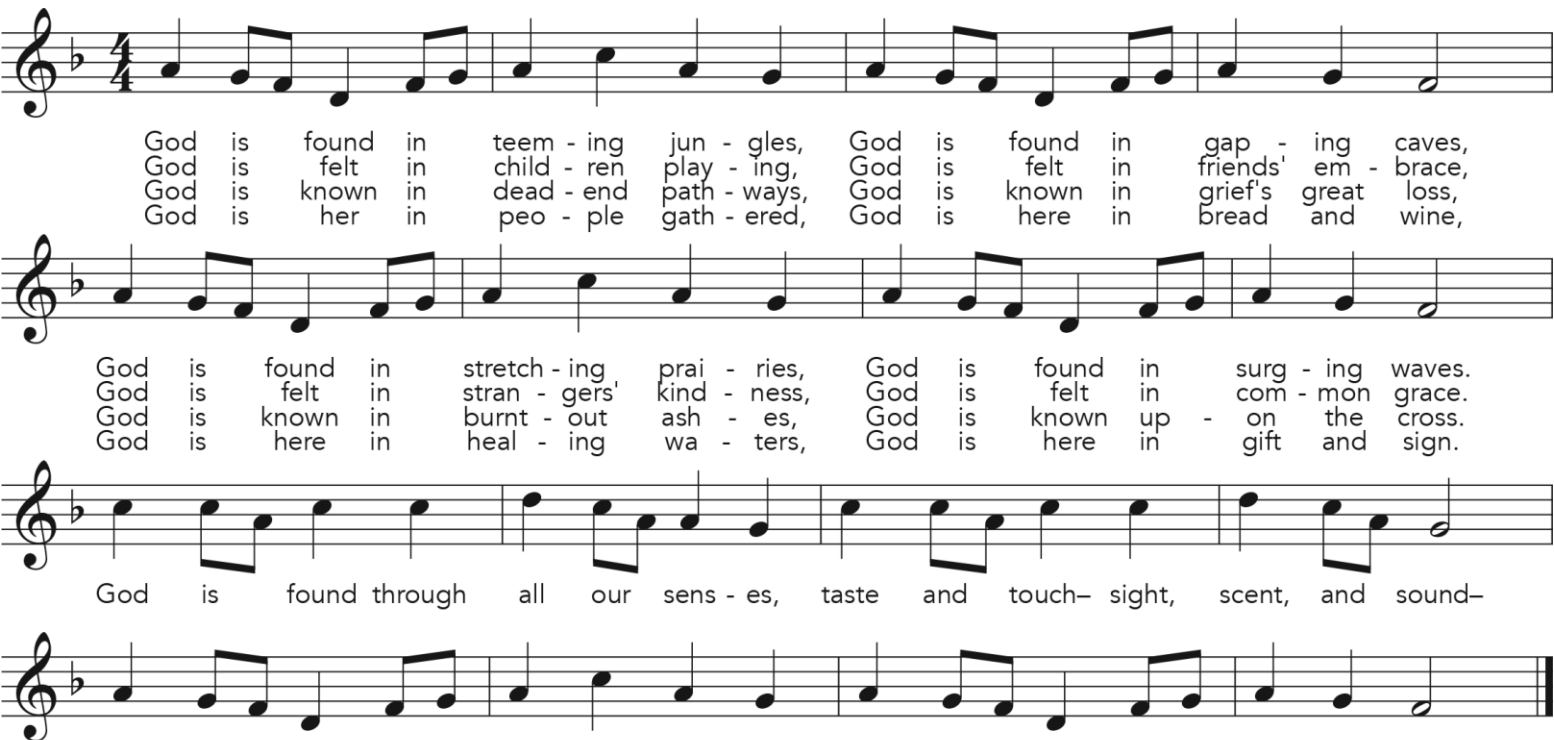
“For nine months we breathe it in. The sight of water in oceans, rivers, and lakes is soothing to the spirit as almost nothing else. To swim in it is to become as weightless and untrammelled as in dreams....the tumbling of a brook can hold us spellbound...and in times of drought we feel as parched in our being as the lawn that crackles beneath our feet.”

–Fredrick Buechner, *Beyond Words*

Hymn of Praise

God Is Found in Teaming Jungles¹

PLEADING SAVIOR



God is found in team - ing jun - gles, God is found in gap - ing caves,
God is felt in child - ren play - ing, God is felt in friends' em - brace,
God is known in dead - end path - ways, God is known in grief's great loss,
God is her in peo - ple gath - ered, God is here in bread and wine,

God is found in stretch - ing prai - ries, God is found in surg - ing waves.
God is felt in stran - gers' kind - ness, God is felt in com - mon grace.
God is known in burnt - out ash - es, God is known up - on the cross.
God is here in heal - ing wa - ters, God is here in gift and sign.

God is found through all our sens - es, taste and touch— sight, scent, and sound—
for in all things God is mov - ing and in all things God is found.

Invocation

Karen McCall

Hymn of Prayer 596

Wellspring of Wisdom

WELLSPRING

Prayers of the People

Wellspring of Wisdom...
Satisfy our thirst.

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 366

Water, River, Spirit, Grace

TRES RIOS

Invitation to Stewardship

Gerald Western

Offertory

Rees Taylor Roberts

Doxology

Living Water Offered to Us²

JOYOUS LIGHT



Liv-ing wa-ter of-fered to us— sig-ni-fies re-birth and grace! Christ, re-ceive, re-new, re-store us; hold our lives in your em-brace! Place your gra-cious gift with-in us, show-ing we be-long to you! Grant your Ho-ly Spir-it to us, bind us ev-er-more to you!

The Reading

Exodus 17:1-7
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Heather Ferguson

Sermon

The Lens of Compassion

Heather Ferguson

Discipline of Silence

"The Lord is merciful and compassionate, very patient, and full of faithful love."

—Psalm 145:8

Hymn of Communion 502

Come, You Disconsolate

CONSOLATOR

Invitation to Commune

Sue Pray

Prayer at the Table

Debby Willets

Words of Institution

Sue Pray

Invitation to Discipleship

Debby Willets

Hymn of Discipleship

With Water Freely Flowing³ (Back cover)

MERLE'S TUNE

Benediction and Charge

Heather Ferguson

Postlude

And all the people said...
AMEN!

Rees Taylor Roberts

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²WORDS: John A. Dalles, 2009; MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1987

With wa - ter free - ly flow - ing, we cel - e - brate new birth, in sa - cred sign ex -
 The Spir - it, swift - ly soar - ing, de - scend - ing as a dove, con - veys the star - tling
 By wa - ter and the Spir - it, bap - tized in Christ, we rise to walk new paths un -

press - ing God's love for all on earth. The Well of Liv - ing Wa - ter springs
 Pres - ence on all whose vow is love. The Breath of God with - in us en -
 fold - ing be - fore our o - pened eyes. We jour - ney from this mo - ment, faith's

up for us this day; en - gulfed by love's ac - cept - ance, our fears are washed a - way.
 liv - ens and sus - tains, be - yond this rite of pas - sage with us al - ways re - mains.
 pil - grim - age em - brace. By Spir - it and by wa - ter we feel and sense God's grace.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, September 27

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

Tuesday, September 29

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Christian Ed. Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 30

- 5:00-8:00pm: "Pasta at the Pastor's"

Thursday, October 1

- 11:00am-12:30pm: Pastoral Relations Committee Mtg.

Friday, October 2

- 9:00-11:30am: Church Women United Meeting in the Gibbens 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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