



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

Worship of God

June 9, 2024; 9:30am: 3rd 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

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"There are times in our lives—scary, unsettling times—when we know that we need help or answers but we're not sure what kind, or even what the problem or question is. We look and look, tearing apart our lives like we're searching for car keys in our couch, and we come up empty-handed. Then when we're doing something stupid, like staring at the dog's mismatched paws, we stumble across what we needed to find. Or even better, it finds us."

—Anne Lamott, *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy*

Hymn of Praise 2

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Invocation

Susan Mathes

Hymn of Prayer

At the Dawn of Your Creation¹

BEACH SPRING



At the dawn of your cre - a - tion, God, you spoke: "Let there be light!"
By your word, you formed cre - a - tion: dry land, wa - ter, o - cean breeze.
When you made us as your chil - dren, send - ing us through - out your lands,
At this joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion, may we hear your word a - new:



You di - vid - ed earth from heav - en, you cre - at - ed day and night.
Soon there burst forth veg - e - ta - tion: plants with fruit, ma - jes - tic trees.
You com - man - ded, "Have do - min - ion, care for earth; in your hands."
may we care for your cre - a - tion, know - ing it's a trust from you.



You made sun - beams dance with shad - ows, you cre - at - ed en - er - gy!
rain and snow and chang - ing sea - sons, crea - tures fill - ing land and sea.
Yet we hurt this world you've giv - en; we harm earth and sky and sea.
Just as dai - ly there's a dawn - ing, bring - ing light to all we see,



Peace - ful eve - nings, bright to - mor - rows, all be - gan with "Let there be!"
God, your ver - y good cre - a - tion, all be - gan with "Let there be!"
We for - get it's your cre - a - tion, you, who once said "Let there be!"
so we dai - ly hear your call - ing, you who once said, "Let there be!"

Prayers of the People

God who said, "Let there be..."
Help us care for your creation.

Don Hange, Jr.

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 313

Amen (Sung Twice)

STAINER AMEN

Invitation to Stewardship

Mark Mathes

Offertory

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology 64 v. 3

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

ELLACOMBE



There's not a plant or flower be-low, but makes your glo-ries known; and clouds a - rise, and
 tem - pests blow, by or - der from your throne. While all that bor-rows life from you is
 ev - er in your care, and ev - ery - where that we can be, you God, are pres-ent there.

The Reading

Psalm 95:1-7

Nathan A. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Listen Up; Listen Down; Listen All Around

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"There is something in every one of you that waits, listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself—and if you cannot hear it, you will never find whatever it is for which you are searching and if you hear it and then do not follow it, it was better that you had never been born.... And if you cannot hear the sound of the genuine in you, you will all of your life spend your days on the ends of strings that somebody else pulls."

—Howard Thurman, *The Sound of the Genuine*

Hymn of Communion 287

As A Chalice Cast of Gold

INWARD LIGHT

Invitation to Commune

Don Hange, Jr.

Prayer at the Table

Steve Mayer

Words of Institution

Don Hange, Jr.

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

From Doorsteps To Earth's Corners

WASHINGTON AVENUE

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Sol M. Rizzato

And all the people said...
AMEN!

Today's artwork is a photograph by Kelly Murray that she took while hiking at the Parkinson Forest at Bethany College. Parkinson Forest is 261 acres of woods with approximately 60 acres of old-growth. The old-growth portion is dominated by sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) with American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), white oak (*Quercus alba*), red oak (*Quercus rubra*) and tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) having an important presence in the canopy. Several of the white oaks were cored about 40 years ago and were well over 200 years old at that time.

¹Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2011, Music: attr. B.F. White *Sacred Harp*

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 9

- 11:00am: Creation Care Team: "Bread for the World" speaker will be from Second Harvest
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Monday, June 10

- 5:00-7:00pm: Bible, Burger, & Beer at the Foundry

Tuesday, June 11

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elder's Meeting (Hybrid)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Thursday, June 13

- 10:00-11:00am All-Church Social Hour (Zoom)
- 1:00-3:00pm: Worship Committee Lunch at Ruby Tuesday



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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