



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

## Worship of God

June 16, 2024; 9:30am:  
 4<sup>th</sup> 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

*Komm, süßer Tod, komm sel'ge Ruh'* (J.S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"'Hope' is the thing with feathers - That perches in the soul - And sings the tune without the words - And never stops - at all - And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard - And sore must be the storm - That could abash the little Bird That kept so many warm - I've heard it in the chilliest land - And on the strangest Sea - Yet - never - in Extremity, It asked a crumb - of me."

—Emily Dickinson, "Hope" is the thing with feathers

Hymn of Praise 12

*Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

ABERYSTWYTH

Invocation

Mark Wainwright

Hymn of Prayer 671

*Why Stand So Far Away, My God?*

MORNING SONG

Prayers of the People

Holy One who feels both near and far...  
**Arise and lift your hand.**

Nancy Walker

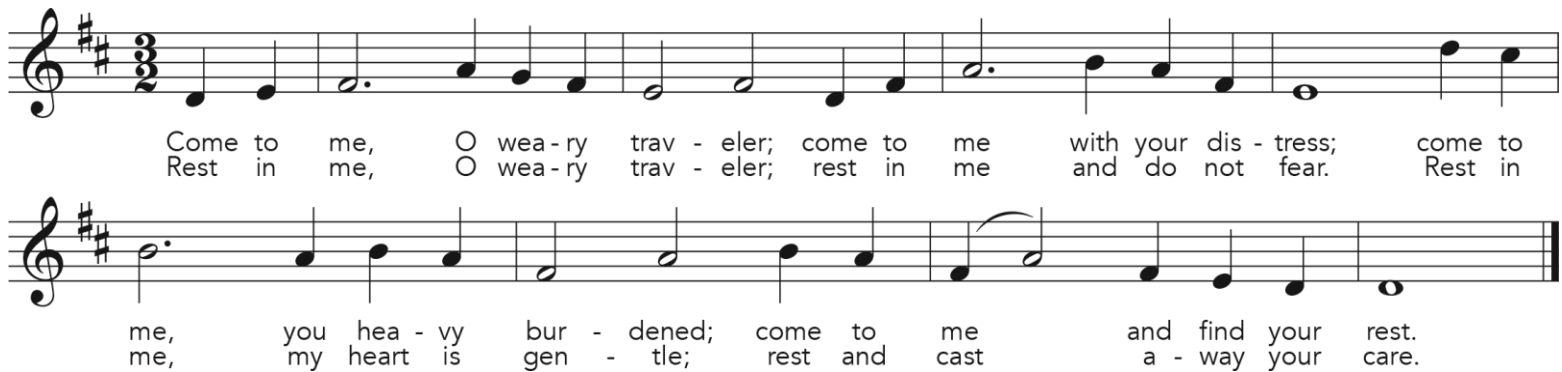
The Lord's Prayer

**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 353 vv. 1, 4

*Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

AUSTIN



Come to me, O wea-ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress; come to Rest in me, O wea-ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear. Rest in me, you hea - vy bur - dened; come to me and find your rest. me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care.

Invitation to Stewardship

Ginny Douglas

Offertory

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology 95 v. 3

*Doxology*

DUKE STREET



Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on God's love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on God's name.

The Reading

Numbers 11:4-15  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God!**

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

*Conspiring with Hope*

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Hope is a dynamic and ever-evolving 'thing' that carries its own agency and emerges in the spaces between Hopelessness and possibility, despair and risk-taking potential, and injustice and justice-making."  
—Joretta L. Marshall, *Collaborating Hope*

Hymn of Communion

Coming Together for Wine and for Bread<sup>1</sup>

BANQUET



Com - ing to - geth - er for wine and for bread, tast - ing the sto - ry and hear - ing it read,  
 Who will be hun - gry if, hear - ing the call, we of - fer seats at our ban - quet to all?  
 Here at this ta - ble, we're wel - comed by name; all are in - vi - ted, each seat is the same.  
 Bless - ing this ta - ble the Spir - it is here grant - ing us vi - sion, so sud - den - ly clear:



know - ing our hun - ger and shar - ing the meal o - pens our eyes to see Je - sus is real.  
 Who is for - got - ten? Who will we ig - nore? Who is the out - cast that knocks at our door?  
 Serv - ing, re - ceiv - ing, and eat - ing the feast hum - bles the haugh - ty and hon - ors the least.  
 shar - ing and serv - ing, the bod - y is fed, nour - ished by Je - sus, the Wine and the Bread.

Invitation to Commune

Nancy Walker

Prayer at the Table

Janet Stevens-Brown

Words of Institution

Nancy Walker

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Here, O God, Your People Gather<sup>2</sup>

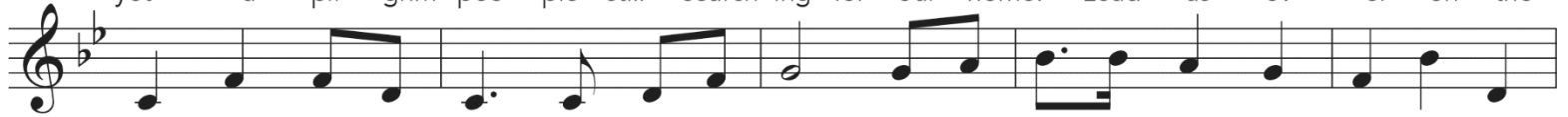
THAXTED



Here, O God, your peo - ple gath - er to wor - ship in this place sing - ing  
 Though the path may not be stead - y when filled with grief and strife, your up -  
 God, we sense your hope and pas - sion that call us to sha - lom. We are



psalms and hymns of won - der, we long to see your face. Moved by sounds of pipes and  
 lift - ing Spir - it greets us with prom - ise for new life. You trans - cend our ex - pec -  
 yet a pil - grim peo - ple still search - ing for our home. Lead us ev - er on the



voic - es, hush of si - lence, rush of wind, we are dan - cing in the rhy - thms of  
 ta - tions as you stun us with sur - prise, thus we can - not help but mar - vel at  
 jour - ney to your fu - ture that will be filled with jus - tice, love, and mer - cy a -



grace that will not end. Shape our lives with phrase and ca - dence, com - pose a liv - ing  
 all be - fore our eyes. While the pow'rs and fears a - round us can threat - en to de -  
 cross the land and sea. Guide us through the times and sea - sons of life with - in your



score; as we swell the full - er chor - us to praise you all the more.  
 stroy, You, our God, are ev - er with us! You bring a great - er joy.  
 care. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age! Give us the faith to dare!

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

*Quatre pièces Pour Orgue, Op. 37, No. 4: Chorale* (Joseph Jongen)  
And all the people said...  
**AMEN!**

Sol M. Rizzato

Today's artwork is a picture of a flower blooming in the desert of Chile. <https://www.chile.travel/en/blog-en-2/desert-bloom-north-of-chile/>

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 16

- 11:00am: Creation Care Team: "Bread for the World" Writing of Letters and a selection of breads from around the world.
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Monday, June 17

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

Tuesday, June 18

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 5:00-6:00pm: Outreach Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 19

- Juneteenth: The Church Office will be Closed

Thursday, June 20

- 5:00-6:30pm: Creation Care Event with Colleen Berg (Hybrid)

Sunday, June 23, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30am: Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00am: Congregational Meeting to approve the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for 2024-2025
- 11:05am: Bread for the World
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere



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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