



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

Worship of God

June 23, 2024; 9:30am: 5th 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

Prelude (F. Chopin)

Maggie Johns

Meditation for Preparation

"Calling demands that we honor its fluidity. Not all calls are eternal. They ebb and flow with us—with our needs, our community, and our loves. If there is anything static in it, it is that we are called to whatever makes us more human. Not to what makes us matter—calling has no competency in this area."

—Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies*



O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 From search for wealth and pow - er, and scorn of truth and right,
 Lord, strength - en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,
 re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your struc - tion - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night.
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,
 Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 when pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 till dawn the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice be heard;
 reign in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can vic - tor - ous, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - tor - ous o'er all the world's do - main.

Invocation

Kristen Mayer

Hymn of Prayer 293

Out of Need and Out of Custom

GATHERING

Prayers of the People

Gerald Western

We breathe in God's grace... May it transform our insecurities so that we breathe out God's love. We breathe in God's love... May it transform our fears so that we breathe out God's hope. We breathe in God's hope... May it transform our doubts so that we breathe out God's faithfulness. We breathe in God's faithfulness... May it transform our hearts so that we breathe out the good news of Christ Jesus. We breath in the good news of Christ Jesus... May it transform us so that we breathe out God's grace.²

God of glowing stories...
 Let us now the questing share.

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 593

Lead Me, Lord

LEAD ME LORD

Invitation to Stewardship

Debbie Walker

Offertory *Consolation* (F. Bürgmuller) Maggie Johns

Doxology *Praise to God, the Worlds' Creator*² (Reverse) CWM RHONDDA

The Reading 1 Kings 19:19-21 Nathan A. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *An Urgent Calling* Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence
"Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting - over and over announcing your place in the family of things."
-Mary Oliver, *Wild Geese*

Hymn of Communion *God, We Feel So Lost and Stranded*^B EBENEZER

God, we feel so lost and strand - ed on this land - scape of be - lief.
Look! Your chil - dren here are suf - fering. There are pow - ers that de - stroy
We are bro - ken. We are hurt - ing. We are yearn - ing for sha - lom.
We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, from what's been to who knows where.

We are wound - ed; we are tat - tered from the storms of pain and grief.
life and jus - tice, health and self - hood, all a - round we see their ploy.
Your good fu - ture seems so dis - tant. We are search - ing for our home.
Here is chal - lenge; here is prom - ise on this path - way that we share.

Yet, your pres - ence is our com - fort. You are both our hope and stay.
You are not im - mune to ter - ror, for you know the dread - ful cross.
You sur - prise us. You in - vite us to a place where we're made whole
Hear our fears and hear our long - ings for your world to be made right.

Guide us with your care and mer - cy. Lead us through the night and day.
Be our re - fuge, be our shel - ter, in this time of grief and loss.
through your bread and bo - dy bro - ken, we find heal - ing for our soul.
Move with - in our time and plac - es with your hope, your peace, your light.

Invitation to Commune Gerald Western

Prayer at the Table Debby Willets

Words of Institution Gerald Western

Invitation to Discipleship Nathan A. Russell

Praise to God, the worlds' Cre - a - tor, who still feeds us in this land. Praise to Christ, the
bread of heav - en, who shows forth the great I AM. Praise the Spir - it, ev - er with us,
who now guides us on the way: rai - sing us to end - less day!

Today's artwork is a ceramic frieze, The Call of Elisha, by Adam Kossowski.

¹WORDS: William W. Reid Jr., 1958, alt. MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872.

²WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2024;

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 23

- 11:00am: Congregational Meeting after worship
- 11:00am: Creation Care: "Bread for the World"
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Monday, June 24

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

Tuesday, June 25

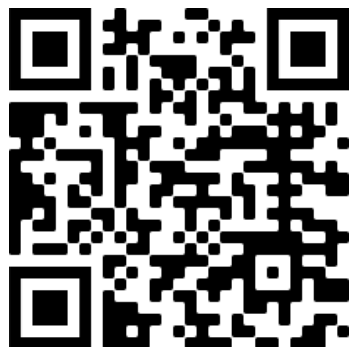
- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 26

- Pastor Nathan begins Sabbatical: Chapter 2

Thursday, June 27

- 10:00-11:00 am: All-Church Social Hour (Zoom)



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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