

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

# Worship of God

January 19, 2025; 9:30am: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Chiming the Hour The Atwood Carillon

Greeting The Spirit of God is with you... Nathan A. Russell

And also with you!

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Nathan A. Russell We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude Dusk (Nkeiru Okoye) Sol M. Rizzato

#### Meditation for Preparation

"Imagine if every church became a place where everyone is safe, but no one is comfortable. Imagine if every church became a place where we told one another the truth. We might just create sanctuary."

—Rachel Held Evans, Searching for Sunday

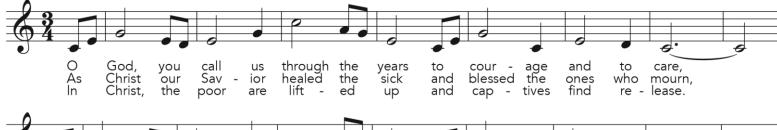
Invocation

Mark Wainwright

Hymn of Prayer

O God, You Call Us Through the Years<sup>1</sup>

**RESIGNATION** 









Prayers of the People

God who calls us through the years... Send good help to those in need.

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 305

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Invitation to Stewardship

Lauri Warfield

Offertory

It is Well With My Soul (Kristina Rizzotto)

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology 23 v. 2

Praise to God for Grace and Favor

LAUDA ANIMA

Nathan A. Russell

The Reading

Luke 4:16-27
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

The Word of God III its profitise and t

Thanks be to God!

#### Discipline of Silence

"It is interesting to me to note that those who most frequently call for fair play are those who are advantaged by the play as it currently is, and that only when that position of privilege is endangered are they likely to benefit from the change required to 'play by the rules.' What if the 'rules' are inherently unfair or simply wrong, or a greater good is to be accomplished by changing them? When the gospel says, 'The last will be first, and the first will be last,' despite the fact it is counterintuitive to our cultural presuppositions, it is invariably good news to those who are last, and at least problematic news to those who see themselves as first."

-Peter Gomes, The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus

Hymn of Communion 403	In Remembrance of Me	RED
Invitation to Commune		Don Hange, Jr.
Prayer at the Table		Nancy Walker
Words of Institution		Don Hange, Jr.
Invitation to Discipleship		Nathan Russell
Hymn of Discipleship	In this Place of Sacred Story <sup>2</sup> (Reverse)	EBENEZER
Benediction and Charge		Nathan A. Russell
Postlude	Trumpet Tune (Frederick Swann) And all the people said	Sol M. Rizzato

Today's artwork is The poor invited to the feast (1973) by JESUS MAFA. 

¹WORDS: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003; MUSIC: Southern Harmony, 1813

\*Introduction: Tedde Gibson, Harmonization: Roland Carter

<sup>2</sup>WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2024; MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

AMEN!

#### Sunday, January 19

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

### Monday, January 20

• Church Office closed in memory of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

## Tuesday, January 21

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- Noon: Memorial for Carson McNeal (Sanctuary)
- 3:00-4:30pm: Outreach Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

## Thursday, January 23

10:00-11:00am: 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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