



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...
And also with you!

Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

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

Nathan A. Russell

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*

Hymn of Praise 631

*Lift Every Voice and Sing**

LIFT EVERY VOICE


Invocation

Mark Wainwright

Hymn of Prayer

O God, You Call Us Through the Years¹

RESIGNATION



O God, you call us through the years to courage and to care,
As Christ our Sav - ior healed the sick up and blessed the ones who mourn,
In Christ, the poor are lift - ed up and cap - tives find re - lease.

to bind the wounds of suf - f'ring lives in serv - ice and in prayer;
we share his yoke for neigh - bors' sake, both joys and sor - rows borne.
All tears are wiped from cry - ing eyes up - on the Mount of Peace.

to spread com - pas - sion through the earth like wa - ters through the seas.
A fra - grant balm of hope and grace shall per - fume ev - 'ry deed.
Till jus - tice rolls in might - y streams and ev - 'ry heart is freed,

Your will for whole - ness guides our path: good help to those in need!
with com - fort in our ris - en Lord: good help to those in need!
our charge is lib - er - at - ing love: good help to those in need!

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

The Reading

Luke 4:16-27

Nathan A. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
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 Story² (Reverse)

EBENEZER

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Trumpet Tune (Frederick Swann)
 And all the people said...
AMEN!

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

²WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2024; MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

*Introduction: Tedde Gibson, Harmonization: Roland Carter

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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)

In this place of sa - cred sto - ry, hearts are joined by
 As we read and hear the scrip - tures, we are shaped by
 Though op - pres - sive pow'rs sur - round us, we will not re -
 Though the church be tossed and sha - ken by sin's scheme and
 sound and sight, as the hues of stained glass win - dows
 what they teach, as they form us for life's jour - ney
 treat in fear. To the ty - rants' calls for si - lence,
 e - vil's ploy, we will brave - ly raise God's ban - ner
 bathe us all in warmth and light.
 and en - large our scope and reach.
 we will speak truth loud and clear:
 that no wea - pon can de - stroy.
 While har - mo - nious pipes and voi - ces of - fer beau - ty
 Through such stu - dy comes as - sur - ance that God's reign will
 "God is stand - ing with the bro - ken and like will bring them
 God is with us and be - yond us, like a rain - bow
 back to God, we be - hold the cross be - fore us
 come on earth, so we act with fierce com - pas - sion
 sweet re - lease from the sys - tems that im - pri - son
 arched a - bove. We will be a faith - ful peo - ple,
 on this path that Christ has trod.
 to af - firm each per - son's worth.
 till all find love, a last - ing peace."
 and be love, al - ways be love.



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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