



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

## Worship of God

March 16, 2025; 9:30am: Second Sunday in Lent

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

*O Gott, du frommer Gott (O God, you faithful God)* (Brahms)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next. Delicious Ambiguity."

—Gilda Radner, *It's Always Something*

Hymn of Praise 293

*Out of Need and Out of Custom*

GATHERING

Invocation

Dick Lee

Hymn of Prayer 504

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

SOUTHWELL

Prayers of the People

Healing God...

Gerald Western

Restore our hope and remove our fear.

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

Deep the Hunger<sup>1</sup>

ROYAL LANE

Deep the hun - ger in the hu - man heart, deep the thirst - ing in the soul. Deep the long - ing for a fel - low-ship, here to feast and be made whole. Deep the well - spring of a - ma - zing grace, here where health and hope can grow. Deep the heal - ing for the hun - gry heart, deep the love we seek to know, love that will not let us go.

Invitation to Stewardship

Lauri Warfield

Offertory

O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen (Brahms)

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology 24 v. 3

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

God has e - ter - nal life im - plant-ed in the soul. God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll. Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be the Name, who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same!

The Reading

Luke 8:40-55

Nathan A. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*What Do You Know?*

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The psychologist finally has something important to say. Something she didn't learn at college but knows that everyone needs to hear, every so often. 'Not knowing is a good place to start.'"

—Frederick Backman, *Anxious People*

Hymn of Communion

*In These Moments We Remember<sup>2</sup>*

MEDEMA

In these mo - ments we re - mem - ber One who calls us to be friends. One who leads us on the  
 We are hun - gry for re - fresh - ment. We are long - ing to be whole. To this mo - ment we are  
 We will take this ho - ly ta - ble to the hun - gry ev - ery - where. God's pro - vi - sion has sus -  
 jour - ney, till the jour - ney's joy - ful end. Bless - ed Je - sus, guide and teach - er, voice and  
 bring - ing starv - ing spir - its, thirst - y souls. As we meet a - round this ta - ble, may God's  
 tained us; God's a - bun - dance we will share. Hun - gry hearts and hun - gry bod - ies will be  
 face of love di - vine; now we cel - e - brate his pres - ence in this feast of bread and wine.  
 feast our spir - its fill. May we find new hope and pur - pose. May we find new strength and will.  
 nour - ished and be fed. And we seal this, our com - mit - ment, in this feast of wine and bread.

Invitation to Commune

Gerald Western

Prayer at the Table

Sue Pray

Words of Institution

Gerald Western

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*God of the Future<sup>3</sup> (Reverse)*

TENDERNESS

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

*Prelude in C Minor, BWV 546 (J.S. Bach)*

Sol M. Rizzato

And all the people said...

**AMEN!**

Today's artwork is *Healing of the Daughter of Jairus* (1973) by JESUS MAFA. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

<sup>1</sup>WORDS and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 2024

<sup>3</sup>WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 2002; Music: Colin Gibson, 1992

<sup>2</sup>WORDS and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 2024

God of the fu - ture, call - ing us for - ward, thaw our in - er - tia, and  
 Where we think jus - tice will crown our jour - ney, teach us in mer - cy to  
 Wid - en our vi - sion to grasp a mis - sion broad - er than an - y we  
 For our fore - bod - ings give us a fore - taste of all you call us to

wean us from greed; trans - form false com - fort in - to com - mit - ment  
 seek our true home; when end - ing blood - shed seems our best pur - pose,  
 dream on our own; help us sur - ren - der all that would hin - der  
 do and to be; God of the fu - ture, still lead us for - ward

that we may serve deep - you peace in word and in deed.  
 show us the deep - tion that lives in sha - lom.  
 our full in - ten - tion to be yours a lone.  
 to live as peo - ple whom Christ has set free.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 16

- 11:00am Lenten Study: *Unsettling Lent* {Gibbens Room}
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, March 18

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 3:00-4:30pm: Outreach Committee Mtg. (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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