



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

Worship of God

March 30, 2025; 9:30am: Fourth 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

Prelude in D Minor, Op. 16 No. 3 (Clara Schumann)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"The first thing that happens in a conflict is that we choose a side, because that's easier than trying to hold two thoughts in our heads at the same time. The second thing that happens is that we seek out facts that confirm what we want to believe—comforting facts, ones that permit life to go on as normal. The third is that we dehumanize our enemy."

—Frederik Backman, *Beartown*

Hymn of Praise

*Filled with Awe, We Come before You*¹ (Back Cover)

NETTLETON

Invocation

Lill McNeal

Hymn of Prayer 490

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

Prayers of the People

God of melody and harmony...
Help us be servants.

Debby Willets

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 Hunger²

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

Marilyn Bauer

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision (Dale Wood)

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 10:38-42
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Conflicting Values

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

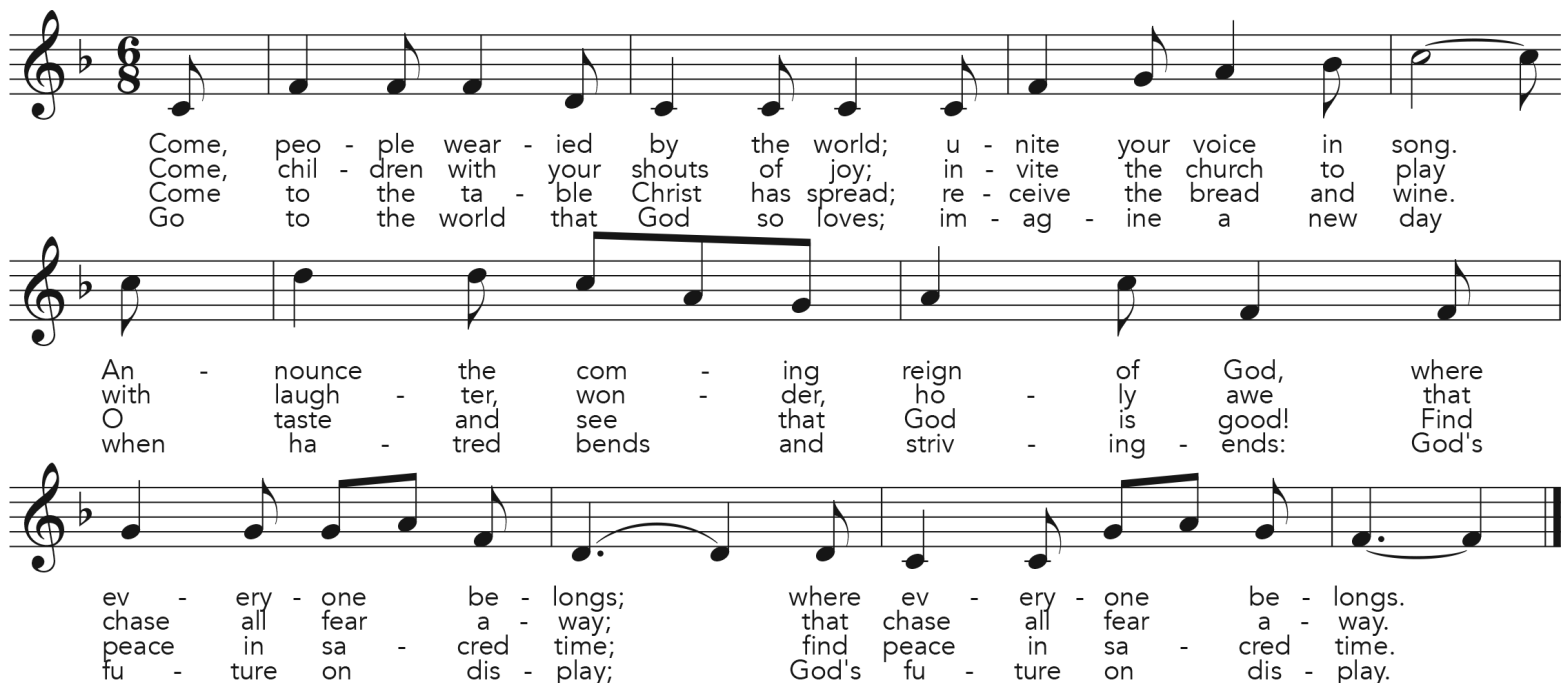
"A piano is full of suppressed desires, recalcitrance, inhibition, conflict. Yet because its opposing forces are carefully balanced, they are still. And the still place, though small, is where music can spin its way through into our dimension."

—Anita T. Sullivan, *The Seventh Dragon*

Hymn of Communion

Come, People Wearied by the World^B

DOVE OF PEACE



Invitation to Commune

Nancy Walker

Prayer at the Table

Debby Willets

Words of Institution

Nancy Walker

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 453

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Fugue in D Minor, Op. 16 No. 3 (Clara Schumann)
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Sol M. Rizzato

Today's artwork is *Marth and Mary* (1973) by JESUS MAFA.

¹WORDS: David Bjorlin, 2020; MUSIC: *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part 2*, 1813

²WORDS and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 2024

³WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2024; MUSIC: *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Filled with awe we come before you, God of mys - ter - y and might,
Where your ho - li - ness sur - rounds us, light that hal - lows and re - veals,
Touch our lives, O God of mer - cy, with your burn - ing coal of grace.

and our cer - tain - ties grow cloud - y call - ing us to faith's dim sight.
no more can we hide in shad - ows all the dirt to the dark con - ceals:
Burn a - way op - pres - sion's struc - ture; build up jus - tice in its place.

Shake us out of small con - vic - tions or a god we can ex - plain;
words that in - jure, thoughts that man - gle, acts that side - step love's de - mand.
Then when we dis - cern to - geth - er what you call us all to do,

give us glimps - es of your glo - ry that no vi - sion can con - tain.
We, O God, are and bro - ken peo - ple and we scar your ho - ly land.
move our words and works to an - swer: "Here we are, we fol - low you!"

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 30

- 11:00am Becoming WACC: *Speaking Christian* in Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, April 1

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:30-1:00pm: Church Life & Growth: Committee Mtg. at the Foundry
- 5:30-6:30pm: Stewardship Committee Mtg. (Zoom)



We are thrilled that you are worshipping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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