



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

Worship of God

October 11, 2020, 9:30am: The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Spirit of God is with you!
And also with you!

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Prelude

All Are Welcome

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"If you are a dreamer, come in,
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar,
A hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean buyer...
If you're a pretender come sit by my fire
For we have some flax-golden tales to spin.
Come in!
Come in!"

Shel Silverstein, *Where the Sidewalk Ends*

Hymn of Praise

God, We Gather as Your People

GOD WE GATHER

Invocation

Ms. Sharon Siffert

Hymn of Prayer

God, Renew Us by Your Spirit

RESTORATION

Prayers of the People

Renew us with your gracious invitation, O God...
And grant us boundless celebration.

The Lord's Prayer

All

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

Congregational Response 306

Hear Our Prayer

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.

Offertory

They'll Know We Are Christians

Mr. Collins

Doxology 528

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

The Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

You're Invited

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"You are accepted. You are accepted, accepted by that which is greater than you, and the name of which you do not know. Do not ask for the name now; perhaps you will find it later. Do not try to do anything now; perhaps later you will do much. Do not seek for anything; do not perform anything; do not intend anything. Simply accept the fact that you are accepted! If that happens to us, we experience grace."

--Paul Tillich, *The Essential Paul Tillich*

Hymn of Communion 386

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We Come as Guests Invited

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Rev. Lisa Reshad

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 655

Community of Christ

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Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Dear God, Embracing Humankind

Mr. Collins

And all the people said...

AMEN!

We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

This week's artwork is *The Peasant Wedding* (1567) by Pieter Bruegel the Elder.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 10/11: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 10/12: 4pm - Christian Education Committee meeting (on Zoom)
7pm - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 10/13: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)***
5:30pm - Elders' meeting (on Zoom)
7pm - Board meeting (on Zoom)
Wed., 10/14: 7pm - theAlternative*

*Sunday and Wednesday opportunities for worship premiere at their respective times on our website and YouTube channel (see waccelyria.org/online). Past services are available on our website and [YouTube channel](#).

***Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premieres online at: waccelyria.org/childrenscorner. Past episodes are available on our [YouTube channel](#).

***First-timers will want to register at waccelyria.org for these online, weekly devotional gatherings

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: waccelyria.org/pray

Contributions may be submitted to the church office or online at: waccelyria.org/give

