

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

Worship of God

October 18, 2020, 9:30am: The Twentieth 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!

Meditation for Preparation

"Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

--Benjamin Franklin, A Letter to Jean-Baptiste Le Roy

Hymn of Praise God, We Gather Now to Worship RUSTINGTON

Invocation Mr. Gary McIntyre

Hymn of Prayer 609 Take My Life HENDON

Prayers of the People

Take all that we are, O God...

And use us to establish your reign.

The Lord's Prayer

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 305

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts
Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.

Rev. Russell

Offertory Chaconne Mr. Collins

Doxology 23 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed.
God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!

The Reading

Sermon

Matthew 22:15-22 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Rev. Russell

Thanks be to God.

Discipline of Silence

Of Taxes, Tests, and Invitations

Rev. Russell

"İt 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 381

Take My Gifts

TALAVERA TERRACE

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Ms. Sandy Rieth

Words of Institution

Postlude

Rev. Russell
NETTLETON

Hymn of Discipleship 606

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

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Dismissal on Hendon

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 Lake George, Autumn, 1927 by Georgia O'Keeffe.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 10/18: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*

- Online Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart premiere** Mon., 10/19: 7pm Tue., 10/20: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for The Upper Room (on Zoom)***

- Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom) 5pm

- theAlternative* Wed., 10/21: 7pm

- All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)**** Thu., 10/22: 10am

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

^{*}Sunday and Wednesday opportunities for worship premiere at their respective times on our website and YouTube channel (see waccelvria.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 <u>waccelyria.org</u> for these online, weekly devotional gatherings

^{****}Contact the church office to receive the Zoom link and log-in information.