



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

## Worship of God

November 22, 2020, 9:30am: Reign of Christ and Consecration Day

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

*Praeludium*

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"It seems like I've been here before, I can't remember when, but I have this funny feeling that we'll all be together again. No straight lines make up my life, and all my roads have bends. There's no clear-cut beginnings and so far no dead-ends... All my life's a circle, sunrise and sundown; moon rolls through the nighttime till the daybreak comes around. All my life's a circle, but I can't tell you why. Season's spinning round again; the years keep rollin' by."

--Harry Chapin, *Circle*

Hymn of Praise

*God of Wonder, God of Thunder*

HYMN TO JOY

Invocation

Mr. Joel Sinegar

Hymn of Prayer 486

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*Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?*

Prayers of the People

Help us draw the circle wide...

**And draw it wider still.**

The Lord's Prayer

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**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 593

*Lead Me, Lord*

LEAD ME LORD

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

*Give Thanks*

Mr. Collins

Doxology 715	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	NUN DANKET
<p><b>All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother, to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.</b></p>		
The Reading	Matthew 25:31-46 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Rev. Russell
Sermon	Draw the Circle Wide...Draw It Wider Still	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence	<p>"He drew a circle that shut me out- Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout. But love and I had the wit to win: We drew a circle and took him in!"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">--Edwin Markham, <i>Outwitted</i></p>	
Hymn of Communion	<i>Summoned by the God Who Made Us</i>	NETTLETON
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Elder's Prayer		Becky Thompson
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship	<i>Draw the Circle Wide</i>	CANADA
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>From Doorsteps to Earth's Corners</i> And all the people said... <b>AMEN!</b>	Mr. Collins

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

Megan Rowe had the idea for this painting after we'd first sung the hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* on August 16, 2020. Coincidentally, Lauri Warfield, Co-Chair of the Stewardship Committee, enjoyed the hymn and began wondering if it could be our theme for Consecration Season. Not knowing of each other's ideas, the Stewardship Committee selected the theme, and Megan completed her artwork.

### OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 11/22: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship\*  
Mon., 11/23: 7pm - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere\*\*  
Tue., 11/24: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*\*\*  
6pm - Elders' Budget Sub-Committee meeting (on Zoom)  
Wed., 11/25: 7pm - theAlternative\*  
Thu., 11/26: Happy Thanksgiving! (Church office closed Thursday and Friday)

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

\*\*\*First-timers will want to register at [waccelyria.org](http://waccelyria.org) for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: [waccelyria.org/pray](http://waccelyria.org/pray)

Contributions may be submitted to the church office or online at: [waccelyria.org/give](http://waccelyria.org/give)

