



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

## Worship of God

August 1, 2021, 9:30am: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

*"To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonest."*

--Mahatma Gandhi

Hymn of Praise 419 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

Invocation Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown

Hymn of Prayer 410 *Now We Come Before God's Presence* ST. PAUL'S

Prayers of the People  
Bread of Life...  
**Feed our hungry spirits.**

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 314 *Amen* AMEN

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

Offertory *O Breath of Life* Mr. Collins

Doxology *Doxology* 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 John 6:24-35 Rev. Russell  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God.**

Discipline of Silence

"If you stumble about believability, what are you living for? Love is hard to believe, ask any lover. Life is hard to believe, ask any scientist. God is hard to believe, ask any believer. What is your problem with hard to believe?"

--Yann Martel, *Life of Pi*

Hymn of Communion

*I Am the Bread of Life<sup>+</sup>*

I AM THE BREAD

"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, unless you eat of this bread, and you shall die, unless you believe in me, shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father send him, and I will raise you up on the last day.

"Un - less you eat of this bread, and you shall die, unless you believe in me, shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father send him, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that you are the hun - ger, and who be - lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to world, and if you eat of this bread, and you shall live for - man, and you shall drink of his blood, and you shall drink of his life. If you be - lieve in me, who e - ven though you Christ, the Son of God, who has

- ev - er; un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons." "And I will blood, you shall not have life with - in you." die, you shall live for - ev - er." come in - to the world."

raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

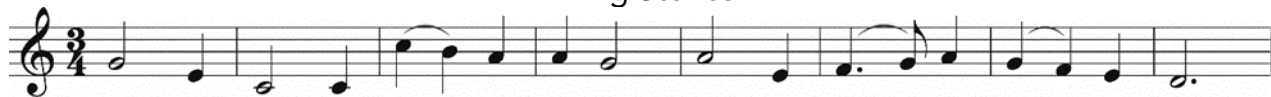
Prayer at the Table

Ms. Megan Rowe

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

## Living Stones



Liv - ing stones, we raise a tem - ple where the Spir - it comes to dwell  
Made of mar - ble, brick, or tim - ber, and the la - bor of our hands,  
Formed in faith, we join to - geth - er at the ta - ble of our Lord.



in each act of lov - ing ser - vice, in the gos - pel truth we tell. In the  
may our build - ings house a peo - ple who em - bod - y God's com - mands: in a  
When we share in cel - e - bra - tion, we de - part with strength re - stored: to cre -



plac - es where we wor - ship, plain or lav - ish, large or small, as the  
world where home - less mil - lions live a - ban - doned on the street, may we  
ate a realm of jus - tice and the bless - ings of sha - lom, where each



church of God in - car - nate, Christ is cor - ner - stone of all.  
of - fer warmth and shel - ter, and the bread - of life to eat.  
heart be - comes an al - tar, and the world it - self, God's home.

Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship (Insert)	<i>Living Stones</i> <sup>++</sup>	ABBOT'S LEIGH
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Restless Weaver</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

Today's artwork is *The Bread of Life* (2015) by Hermel Alejandre

+ Words by Suzanne Toolan, RSM

++Words by Mary Louise Bringle

### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

- Today, 8/1: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary  
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 8/2: 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 8/3: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*
- Wed., 8/4: 7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative
- Sat., 8/7: 11am - Disciples Virtual Gathering

\*First-timers may 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)

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