



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

## Worship of God

September 12, 2021, 9:30am: The Sixteenth 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

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

“He laid a hand on my shoulder. ‘Using words to talk of words is like using a pencil to draw a picture of itself, on itself. Impossible. Confusing. Frustrating.’ He lifted his hands high above his head as if stretching for the sky. ‘But there are other ways to understanding!’ he shouted, laughing like a child. He threw both arms to the cloudless arch of sky above us, still laughing. ‘Look!’ he shouted, tilting his head back. ‘Blue! Blue! Blue!’”

--Patrick Rothfuss, *The Name of the Wind*

Hymn of Praise

*When We Are Called to Sing<sup>+</sup>*

VOX DILECTI

When we are called to sing your praise with hearts so filled with pain that we would rath - er  
 When we are called to sing your praise and can - not find our voice, be - cause our loss - es  
 When we are called to sing your praise and life a - head looks grim, still give us faith and

sit and weep or stand up to com - plain, re - mind us, God, you un - der - stand the  
 leave us now no rea - son to re - joice, re - mind us, God, that you ac - cept our  
 hope e - nough to break forth in a hymn, a thank - ful hymn, great God of Love, that

bur - dens that we bear; you too have walked the shad - owed way and known our deep de - spair.  
 sad la - ments in \_ prayer; you too have walked the shad - owed way and known our deep de - spair.  
 you are ev - ery - where; you walk the shad - owed way with us and keep us in your care.

Invocation

Ms. Bonnie Jackson

Hymn of Prayer (Insert)

*The Summons<sup>++</sup>*

KELVINGROVE

Prayers of the People

God who summons us by name...  
**Help us to follow you.**

The Lord's Prayer

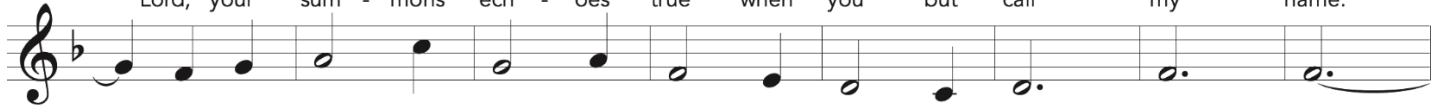
ALL

**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.**

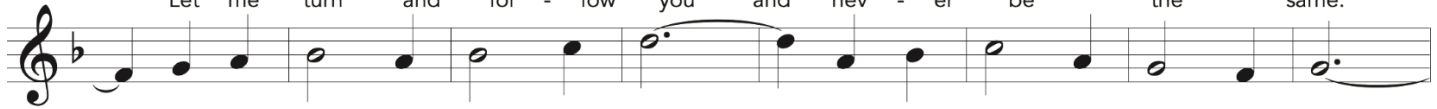
# The Summons



Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## Coming Together for Wine and for Bread



Com - ing to - geth - er for wine and for bread,      tast - ing the sto - ry and hear - ing it read,  
Who will be hun - gry if, hear - ing the call,      we of - fer seats at our ban - quet to all?  
Here at this ta - ble, we're wel - comed by name;      all are in - vi - ted, each seat is the same.  
Bless - ing this ta - ble the Spir - it is here      grant - ing us vi - sion, so sud - den - ly clear:



know - ing our hun - ger and shar - ing the meal      o - pens our eyes to see Je - sus is real.  
Who is for - got - ten? Who will we ig - nore?      Who is the out - cast that knocks at our door?  
Serv - ing, re - ceiv - ing, and eat - ing the feast      hum - bles the haugh - ty and hon - ors the least.  
shar - ing and serv - ing, the bod - y is fed,      nour - ished by Je - sus, the Wine and the Bread.

Congregational Response 593	<i>Lead Me, Lord</i>	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		Mr. Collins
Doxology 528	<i>Doxology</i>	GIVE THANKS
<b>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!</b>		
The Reading	Mark 8:27-38	Rev. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...		
<b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
Sermon	<i>The Power of a Name</i>	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence	<p>"People want to be the ones drawing the lines, building the boxes, making the names. Maybe because stories live inside all those structures, and if you're the one controlling the stories, then you're the one in power. So they get really angry when you name yourself, especially if you're the type of thing they were expecting to name."</p> <p>--Akwaeke Emezi, <i>Dear Senthuran: A Black Spirit Memoir</i></p>	
Hymn of Communion (Insert)		BANQUET
<i>Coming Together for Wine and for Bread<sup>+++</sup></i>		
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer at the Table		Mr. Gerald Western
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 465	<i>We Are Called to Follow Jesus</i>	WE ARE CALLED

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Mr. Collins

And all the people said...

**AMEN!**

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

Today's artwork is *A Choice* by Lauren Wright Pittman

\*Words by Mary Nelson Keithahn

\*\*Words by John Bell

\*\*\*Words by Adam M.L. Tice

### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

- Today, 9/12: 9am - Whitechapel Ringers warm-up  
9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary  
11am - Community Choir rehearsal  
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 9/13: 3pm - Worship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room  
6-8pm - Labyrinth open for use  
7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 9/14: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*  
12noon - WACC hosts the Elyria Rotary Club in Fellowship Hall  
4-6pm - WACC hosts the Elyria Community Partnership meeting  
5:30pm - Elders' meeting in the Dining Room  
7pm - Board meeting in the Music Room (and on Zoom)
- Wed., 9/15: 7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative
- Thu., 9/16: 1pm - Church Life & Growth Committee set-up for Elyria Apple Festival
- Fri., 9/17: 11am-9pm - Elyria Apple Festival
- Sat., 9/18: 10am-9pm - Elyria Apple Festival

\*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)

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

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