



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

## Worship of God

September 19, 2021, 9:30am: The Seventeenth 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

## Meditation for Preparation

"We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family."

--Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town

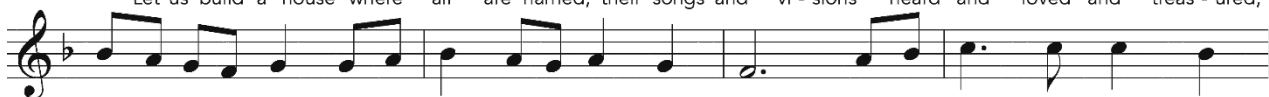
## Hymn of Praise

All Are Welcome<sup>+</sup>

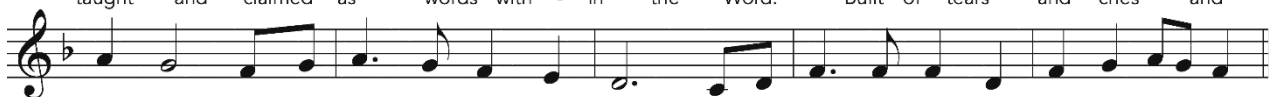
## TWO OAKS



Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and  
 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren  
 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on  
 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,  
 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
 stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## Invocation

Ms. Megan Rowe

## Hymn of Prayer (Insert)

*Leftover People in Leftover Places*<sup>++</sup>

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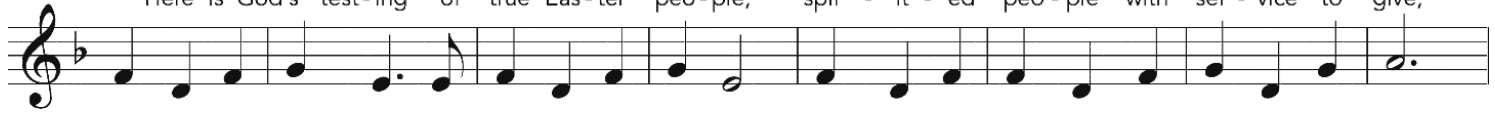
## Prayers of the People

God of unconditional welcome...  
 Help us turn the world upside down.

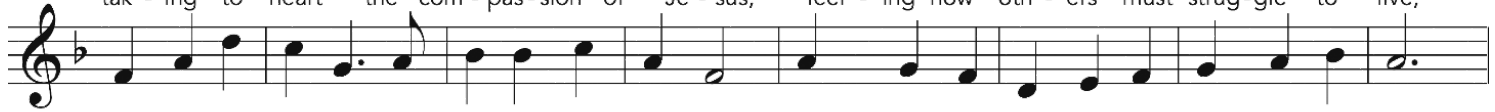
## Leftover People in Leftover Places



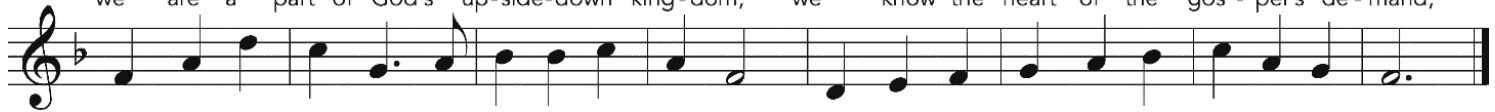
Left - o - ver peo - ple in left - o - ver plac - es, trou - bled, dis - a - bled, the need - y and sad,  
Left - o - ver peo - ple, dis - pos - a - ble peo - ple, locked in - to pris - ons of drugs and de - spir,  
Here is God's test - ing of true Eas - ter peo - ple, spir - it - ed peo - ple with ser - vice to give,



scav - eng - ing crumbs from so - ci - e - ty's plen - ty, sick to the soul when their life has gone bad;  
pov - er - ty's chil - dren in pov - er - ty's spi - ral, locked out of learn - ing and earn - ing their share;  
tak - ing to heart the com - pas - sion of Je - sus, feel - ing how oth - ers must strug - gle to live;



these are the ones in God's up - side - down king - dom deemed to be wor - thy and called to the feast,  
these are the ones in God's up - side - down king - dom, these are the Christ in their shab - by dis - guise,  
we are a part of God's up - side - down king - dom, we know the heart of the gos - pel's de - mand,



soup - kitch - en peo - ple in - vit - ed to ban - quet, val - ued as great - ly as roy - al and priest.  
these are the least and the high - ly un - like - ly, giv - en a hope and new light in their eyes.  
tak - ing our part with the left - o - ver peo - ple, wid - ening the space of the lines in the sand.

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 312 *Amen* AMEN

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

Offertory Out of Silence Music Rises WACC Community Choir

Doxology 15 *Doxology* MARION  
**Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore. Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

The Reading Mark 9:30-37 Rev. Russell  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Welcome, Welcome* Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence  
"I believe in living a poetic life, an art full life. Everything we do from the way we raise our children to the way we welcome our friends is part of a large canvas we are creating."  
--Maya Angelou

Hymn of Communion 424 WELCOME TABLE  
*I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table Ms. Debby Willets

Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 461

BEACH SPRING

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Variations on Beach Spring*

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 *Diversity Art Print, Everyone is Welcome* by Edie Pijpers

\*Words by Marty Haugen

\*\*Words by Shirley Erena Murray

Flowers today are in honor of Pastor Nathan Russell on the anniversary of his 9/16/18 membership with Washington Avenue Christian Church, from Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan.

### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

- Today, 9/19: 9am - Community Choir warm-up  
9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary  
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service  
Mon., 9/20: 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*  
Tue., 9/21: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*  
12noon - WACC hosts the Elyria Rotary Club in Fellowship Hall  
5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom)  
7pm - Joanna Circle meeting (on Zoom)  
Wed., 9/22: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative  
Thu., 9/23: 10am - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)\*\*

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

\*\*Contact the church office to receive the log-in link for this bi-weekly, online chat.

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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