



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

## Worship of God

September 26, 2021, 9:30am: The Eighteenth 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

O Breath of Life

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

“‘Eat, Your Highness.’  
‘Everything tastes like doom,’ he whispered.  
‘Then add salt.’”

--Leigh Bardugo, *King of Scars*

Hymn of Praise 491

*As Grain on Scattered Hillsides*

MERLE'S TUNE

Invocation

Ms. Lisa Ward

Hymn of Prayer

*Lord, You Have Brought Us<sup>+</sup>*

MELITA

Lord, you have brought us to this place as sure - ly as your cho - sen race was  
 We're lost in won - der at your grace that you for us did choose this place and  
 The streams and wood - lands, flow'rs and trees, high hills and sun - shine, cool - ing breeze; you  
 We can - not give you what is yours so sim - ply pray that through these doors your

led to Is - rael's prom - ised land, where bless - ings and joys on ev - ery hand. Al -  
 here, in love, you deign to share your peace and yond com - pare. Al -  
 made them all, a set - ting true, for this, your house, where we meet you. Al -  
 light may shine, that all may view your love for us and ours for you. Al -

might - y God, we dare to pray that you will bless your house to - day.  
 might - y God, we praise your name, your won - drous prov - i - dence ac - claim.  
 might - y God, for this place fair ac - cept our hum - ble, thank - ful prayer.  
 might - y God, with strength en - dow your child - ren, for their wit - ness now.

Prayers of the People

God of all life...

**Share your peace and joy beyond compare.**

The Lord's Prayer 307

MALOTTE

**Our Father, which 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.**

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Reflection on Renewal

Mr. Collins

Doxology 49

*Doxology*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Reading

Mark 9:38-50

Rev. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Shake It Like a Salt Shaker*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"You are the salt of the earth. And you are here to season the world."

--Michael Bassey Johnson, *Song of a Nature Lover*

Hymn of Communion

*Bring Forth the Kingdom\*\**

BRING FORTH



You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!  
You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!  
You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!  
We are a blessed and a pil - gram peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God! Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy;  
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God! Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy;  
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of just - ice, grow in the king - dom of God! Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy;  
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God! Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy;



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Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table		Ms. Lauri Warfield
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 463	<i>Renew Your Church</i>	ALL IS WELL
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Bring Forth the Kingdom</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

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#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

- Today, 9/26: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary  
11am - Community Choir rehearsal  
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 9/27: 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 9/28: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*  
12noon - WACC hosts the Elyria Rotary Club in Fellowship Hall  
4pm - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting (hybrid)  
5:15pm - Property Committee meeting (hybrid)  
6:30pm - Christian Education Committee meeting (hybrid)
- Wed., 9/29: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
- Thu., 9/30: 6:30pm - Pastoral Relations Committee meeting (on Zoom)

\*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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