



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

Worship of God

September 5, 2021, 9:30am: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Rev. Lisa M. Reshad

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Reshad

Prelude

Arioso

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

“Those who really can receive bread from a stranger and smile in gratitude can feed many without even realizing it. Those who can sit in silence with their [neighbor] not knowing what to say but knowing that they should be there, can bring new life in a dying heart. Those who are not afraid to hold a hand in gratitude, to shed tears in grief, and to let a sigh of distress arise straight from the heart, can break through paralyzing boundaries and witness the birth of a new fellowship, the fellowship of the broken.”

--Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Out of Solitude: Three Meditations on the Christian Life*

Hymn of Praise 293

Out of Need and Out of Custom

GATHERING

Invocation

Mr. Marty Rowe

Hymn of Prayer 503

O Christ, the Healer

ROCKINGHAM

Prayers of the People

O Christ, the Healer...
Release in us your healing truths.

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 504 *Heal Us, Hands of Jesus*

SOUTHWELL

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Reshad

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

Offertory

Ubi Caritas

WACC Community Choir

Doxology 25

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation. O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation. All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near. Join me in glad adoration.

The Reading

Mark 7:24-37

Rev. Reshad

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Reshad

Discipline of Silence

"I need a God who is bigger and more nimble and mysterious than what I could understand and contrive. Otherwise, it can feel like I am worshipping nothing more than my own ability to understand the divine."

--Nadia Bolz-Weber, *Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner Saint*

Hymn of Communion 403

In Remembrance of Me

RED

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Reshad

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown

Words of Institution

Rev. Reshad

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Reshad

Hymn of Discipleship

God, Renew Us by Your Spirit⁺

RESTORATION



God, re - new us by your Spir - it. Come in glad - ness, hearts con - sole.
God, re - vi - tal - ize our mis - sion. Bless your church from pole to pole.
God, re - vive each con - gre - ga - tion. Be our cen - ter and our goal.
God, re - fresh your whole cre - a - tion. Time - less is sal - va - tion's role.



Grant us joy so we may share it. Oh, re-store us; make us whole.
May we o - ver - come di - vi - sion. Oh, re-store us; make us whole.
Help us join in ad - o - ra - tion. Oh, re-store us; make us whole.
Grant us bound - less cel - e - bra - tion. God, re-store us; make us whole.

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Reshad

Bach BWV 532 (Prelude from Prelude and Fugue in D major)

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 *The Crumby Dog* by Reverend Ally. See: <https://reverendally.org/2020/08/14/the-crumby-dog/>

+Words by John A. Dalles

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 9/5: 9am - Community Choir warm-up
 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary
 11am - Whitechapel Ringers rehearsal
 6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 9/6: - Church office closed
 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 9/7: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
 12noon - WACC hosts the Elyria Rotary Club in Fellowship Hall
- Thu., 9/9: 10am - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)**
 6-7:30pm - Children Worship & Wonder Open House

*First-timers may register at waccelyria.org for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.

**Contact the church office for log-in information for this bi-weekly, online chat.

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: waccelyria.org/pray

Contributions may be submitted to the church office or online at: waccelyria.org/give

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