



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

## Worship of God

October 17, 2021, 9:30am: The Twenty-first 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

*Vocalise*

Dr. Chris Clark

Meditation for Preparation

"Few people ask from books what books can give us. Most commonly we come to books with blurred and divided minds, asking of fiction that it shall be true, of poetry that it shall be false, of biography that it shall be flattering, of history that it shall enforce our own prejudices. If we could banish all such preconceptions when we read, that would be an admirable beginning."

--Virginia Woolf, *How to Read a Book*

Hymn of Praise 66

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

Invocation

Ms. Lydia Ward

Hymn of Prayer

*Creating God, Your Fingers Trace<sup>+</sup>*

TALLIS' CANON



Cre - a - ting God, your fin - gers trace the bold de - signs of far - thest space; let  
Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries known or yet un - told; let  
Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de - spised for creed or race; let  
In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly with a bil - lion names; let



sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
wa - ter's frag - ile blend with air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
peace, de - scend - ing like a dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
ev - ery life be touched by grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Prayers of the People

Sustaining God...  
**Uphold your whole creation.**

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

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

Dr. Clark

Doxology 25

*Doxology*

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

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Open Expectations*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"You are one of the rare people who can separate your observation from your preconception. You see what is, where most people see what they expect."

--John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*

Hymn of Communion 502

*Come, You Disconsolate*

CONSOLATOR

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 4 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Joy Unceasing and Infinite Praise*

Dr. Clark

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 *Whirlwind Dance* by Leonid Afremov

\*Words by Jeffery Rowthorn

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 10/17: 9am - Community Choir warm-up  
9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary  
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 10/18: 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 10/19: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*  
5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom)  
7pm - Joanna Circle gathering (on Zoom)
- Wed., 10/20: 5:30pm - High School/College Pizza and Dessert Night  
7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
- Thu., 10/21: 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 for the 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)

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