



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

Worship of God

October 31, 2021, 9:30am: Reformation Sunday and the
Twenty-third 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

Moment for Stewardship

Rev. Janet A. Long

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude

Ruhig bewegt

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Therefore I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. ... See, this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God."

--Martin Luther, *A Letter to the Rev. Dr. Johann Hess, 1527*

Hymn of Praise 65

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

Invocation

Mr. Ken Oblak

Hymn of Prayer 182

Transform Us

PICARDY

Prayers of the People

Transforming God...
Let our love be unconfined.

The Lord's Prayer 310

HAAS

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

The Church's One Foundation

WACC Choir

Doxology 715

Doxology

NUN DANKET

All praise and thanks to God, our Father and our Mother, to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

The Reading

Mark 12:28-34

Rev. Russell

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

Discipline of Silence

“‘What is REAL?’ asked the Rabbit one day... ‘Real isn't how you are made,’ said the Skin Horse... [i]t's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real... It doesn't happen all at once... You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand.’”

-- Margery Williams Bianco, *The Velveteen Rabbit*

Hymn of Communion

We Praise the Word of God[†]

LEONI



We praise the Word of God, made flesh in Je - sus Christ: the
 We learn the Word of God, in sto - ries of the faith: the
 We live the Word of God, when good news we pro - claim, when
 We taste the Word of God, in bread and in the wine, these
 well - spring of un - dy - ing love, the bread of life; who
 Srip - tures liv - ing wit - ness to God's truth and grace; where
 cap - tives find their lib - er - ty and lose signs of their of; chains; when
 gifts are shared through - out the world and as signs of love. May
 spoke with hu - man lips, yet a - taught with heav - en's voice; in
 proph - ets cry for peace, the pos - tles preach and re - pray, and the
 mourn - ers sing with joy, Word of our God hearts on - fire, sounds, and the
 this a - amaz - ing feast, set all of our hearts on fire now!
 whom we put our hope and trust, and still re - joyce.
 saints of all the Lord that's to seek God's and grace ho - ly - way.
 Spir - it of the Lord that's to come, and is here a - bounds.
 God's good fu - ture, still to come, right now!

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Mark Mathes

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 497	<i>In Loving Partnership</i>	PARTNERSHIP
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Allegro</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Mr. Collins

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

“Love Thy Neighbor” is a collaborative watercolor by elementary students sharing the word and the love of God. Each student painted several sections and then added their name to the background where it blends into the ‘chaos’ that is calmed by the love of God.

†Words by David Gambrell (v. 1-3); Nathan A. Russell (v. 4)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 10/31: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary
- 11am - Community Choir rehearsal
- 6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 11/1: 3pm - Worship Committee meeting (hybrid)
- 6-8pm - Labyrinth open
- 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children’s Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 11/2: WACC serves as Election Day polling place (6:30am-7:30pm)
- 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
- Wed., 11/3: 7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative
- Thu., 11/4: 10am - All-Church Social hour (on Zoom)**
- 6pm - Justice League meeting (on Zoom)
- Sat., 11/6: 2pm - Memorial service for Mario Caruso
- 12am - Daylight Saving time ends; set clocks back one hour at bedtime

*First-timers may register at 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

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

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