

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

# Worship of God

November 7, 2021, 9:30am: All Saints' Sunday

Greeting	The Spirit of God is with you!  And also with you!	Rev. Nathan A. Russell
Chiming the Hour		The Atwood Carillon

Moment for Stewardship Mr. Dan Walker

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Rev. Russell We lift them to the Lord!

## Meditation for Preparation

"It has been my experience that what makes us the saints of God is not our ability to be saintly but rather God's ability to work through sinners... I have come to realize that all the saints I've known have been accidental ones — people who inadvertently stumbled into redemption like they were looking for something else at the time, people who have just a wee bit of a drinking problem and manage to get sober and help others to do the same, people who are as kind as they are hostile."

--Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, Accidental Saints

Hymn of Praise 649

Give Thanks for Life

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Invocation

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Ms. Debbie Walker

Remembering the Saints



Prayers of the People

God of grace and laughter...

Heal our wounds with tuneful balm.

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

Requiem

**Vocal Quintet** 

Doxology 50

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Reading

John 11:32-44

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Unbound and Free

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Those saints and souls who have passed on, are part of what one writer calls 'a great cloud of witnesses' and what the Church calls 'the communion of the saints.' They are all around us and sometimes we are more aware of their presence than others. That's why so many churches...surround themselves with graveyards and others house crypts and columbaria... The saints and ancestors are always with us."

--Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney, Saints Alive!

Hymn of Communion (Insert)

BANQUET

Coming Together for Wine and for Bread++

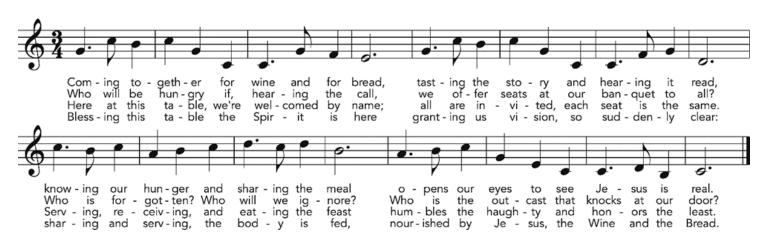
Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Sandy Rieth

## Coming Together for Wine and for Bread



Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 648 GREENCASTLE

Some There Are Who by Their Living

Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude Ubi Caritas Vocal Quintet

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 Radiant Light by Elizabeth Wang

Today's vocal quintet is comprised of Evan Collins, Alexis Facaros, Alivia Gaskins, Meegahn Roesler, and Adrian Scoccia.

\*Words by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Today, 11/7: 8:45am - Community Choir warm-up

9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary

11am - Keeping Us Together celebration

6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service

Mon., 11/8: 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* 

Tue., 11/9: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for The Upper Room (on Zoom)\*

5:30pm - Elders' meeting (hybrid) 7pm - Board meeting (hybrid)

Wed., 11/10: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: <a href="waccelyria.org/pray">waccelyria.org/pray</a> Contributions may be submitted to the church office or online at: <a href="waccelyria.org/give">waccelyria.org/give</a>

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<sup>++</sup>Words by Adam M.L. Tice

<sup>\*</sup>First-timers may register at <u>waccelyria.org</u> for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.