



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

Worship of God

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

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

Mr. Dan Walker

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude

Fugue in F# minor

Mr. Evan Collins

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

SINE NOMINE

Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Remembering the Saints

Rev. Russell

Hymn of the Saints 569

Jesus, Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

Hymn of Prayer

God of Grace and God of Laughter⁺

HOLY MANNA



God of grace and God of laugh - ter, sing - ing worlds from naught to be,
When our lives are torn by sad - ness, heal our wounds with tune - ful balm;
Turn our sigh - ing in - to sing - ing, mu - sic born of hope re - stored;



sun and stars and all there - af - ter joined in cos - mic har - mo - ny:
when all seems dis - cord - ant mad - ness, help us find a meas - ured calm.
set our souls and voic - es ring - ing, tune our hearts in true ac - cord:



give us songs of joy and won - der, mu - sic mak - ing hearts re - joice;
Stead - y us with mu - sic's an - chor when the storms of life in - crease;
till we form a might - y cho - rus join - ing an - gel choirs a - bove,



let our prais - es swell like thund - der, ech - o - ing our Mak - er's voice.
in the midst of hurt and ran - cor, make us in - stru - ments of peace.
with all those who went be - fore us, in e - ter - nal hymns of love.

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



Com - ing to - geth - er for wine and for bread, tast - ing the sto - ry and hear - ing it read,
Who will be hun - gry if, hear - ing the call, we of - fer seats at our ban - quet to all?
Here at this ta - ble, we're wel - comed by name; all are in - vi - ted, each seat is the same.
Bless - ing this ta - ble the Spir - it is here grant - ing us vi - sion, so sud - den - ly clear:



know - ing our hun - ger and shar - ing the meal o - pens our eyes to see Je - sus is real.
Who is for - got - ten? Who will we ig - nore? Who is the out - cast that knocks at our door?
Serv - ing, re - ceiv - ing, and eat - ing the feast hum - bles the haugh - ty and hon - ors the least.
shar - ing and serv - ing, the bod - y is fed, nour - ished by Je - sus, the Wine and the 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 Vocal Quintet
Ubi Caritas
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.

++Words by Adam M.L. Tice

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 the Alternative

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

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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