



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

## Worship of God

November 21, 2021, 9:30am: The Reign of Christ and Consecration 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

Ms. Jen Sweeten

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude

Ms. Katie Malequest and Mr. Adrian Scoccia, Trumpet  
*Fanfare and Fugue*

Meditation for Preparation

"The world does not need the church to talk about what is already possible. The work of the church is to battle the world's definition of what is believable and unbelievable."

--Walter Brueggemann, *A Gospel of Hope*

Hymn of Praise

*When We Face an Unknown Future\**

JOYOUS LIGHT



When we face an un - known fu - ture that we can't im - ag - ine yet, when the  
Je - sus faced the lone - ly de - sert as a time to look with - in. There he  
May we cher - ish all a - round us as we ne - ver have be - fore. May we  
God, when change - s seem to threat - en, and when so much here feels wrong, may we



path a - head is wind - ing, and we fear for our next step, as we  
met such trial and con - flict; there he knew you were with him. In this  
think much less of prof - it, may we learn what mat - ters more. May we  
know this thing for cer - tain: Yes, your love is sure and strong! You're be -



long for the fa - mil - iar, as we doubt what we can't see, may we  
time of end - less ques - tions, when we miss the life we've known, may we  
hear cre - a - tion's groan - ing, may we see an - oth - er's pain. May we  
side us in our doubt - ing, and when times are sure - ly tough, we will



look, God, in this sea - son for a whole new way to be.  
hear your voice pro - claim - ing, "I am here! You're not a - lone!"  
learn new ways of of - fering life and hope in Je - sus' - name.  
face this un - known fu - ture, as it's filled, Lord, with your love.

Invocation

Ms. Polly Simmons

Hymn of Prayer 354

*Seek Ye First*

SEEK YE FIRST

Prayers of the People

God of our past, present, and future...  
**Help us to seek first your reign on earth.**

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

*Love Has Come*

Whitechapel Ringers

Doxology

*Doxology*

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed. God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness.**

The Reading

John 18:33-37

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Seeking God's Future*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"I don't expect any success in anything we are trying to do, either in getting out a paper, running houses of hospitality or farming groups, or retreat houses on the land. I expect that everything we do [will] be attended with human conflicts, and the suffering that goes with it, and that this suffering will water the seed to make it grow in the future... I expect the most dangerous of sins cropping up among us, whether of sensuality or pride it does not matter, but that the struggle will go on to such an extent that God will not let it hinder the work but that the work will go on, because that work is our suffering and our sanctification. So rejoice in failures, rejoice in suffering!"

--Dorothy Day, *All the Way to Heaven*

Hymn of Communion 417 *We Place upon Your Table, Lord*

WINCHESTER NEW

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Debby Willets

Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship WASHINGTON AVENUE  
*From Doorsteps to Earth's Corners*

Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude *Maestoso* Ms. Malequest and Mr. Scoccia  
And all the people said...  
**AMEN!**

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

Today's artwork, *Seeking God's Future*, is an original artwork piece that WACC member and Elder Megan Rowe painted for this year's stewardship theme.

\*Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette and Nathan A. Russell

#### EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 11/21: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary  
11am - Community Choir rehearsal  
6pm - YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
- Mon., 11/22: 10am - Worship Committee work session (trees)  
7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 11/23: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*  
1:30pm - Called Elders' meeting  
6:30pm - Christian Education Committee meeting (hybrid)
- Wed., 11/24: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
- Thu., 11/25: Happy Thanksgiving! (Church office closed Thursday and Friday)

\*First-timers may register at [waccelyria.org](http://waccelyria.org) for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: [waccelyria.org/pray](http://waccelyria.org/pray)

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