

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

Worship of God

August 14, 2022, 9:30am: The Tenth 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

Meditation for Preparation

“You might say Christianity has a tradition of messy spirituality. Messy prophets, messy kings, messy disciples, messy apostles. From God’s people getting in one mess after another in the Old Testament to most of the New Testament’s being written to straighten out messes in the church, the Bible presents a glorious story of a very messy faith.”
–Mike Yaconelli, *Messy Spirituality*

Hymn of Praise 672

Where Restless Crowds Are Thronging

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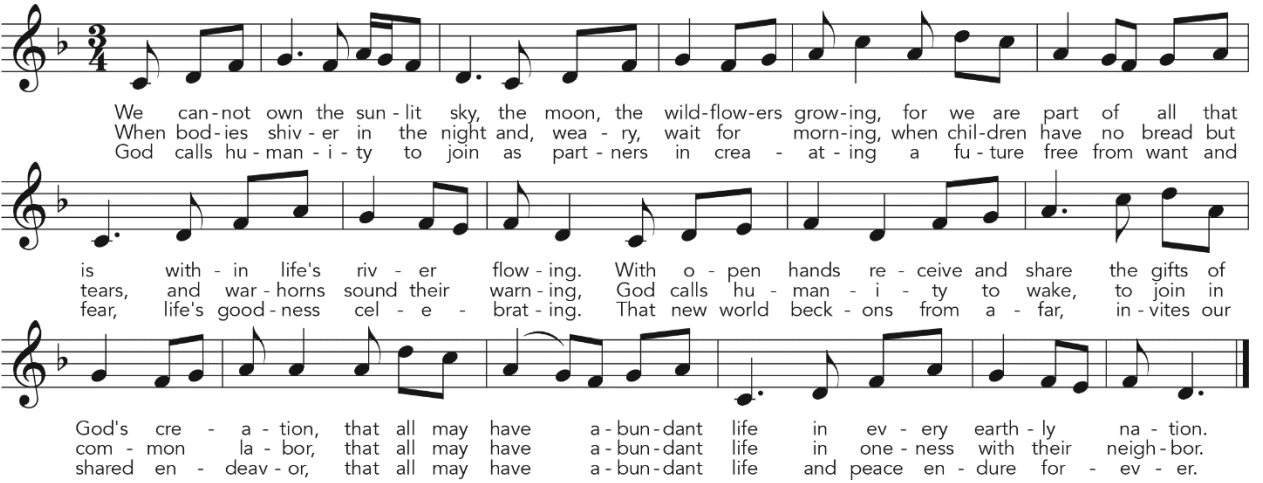
Invocation

Ms. Jane Hutson

Hymn of Prayer

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky¹

RISING SUN



We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild-flow-ers grow-ing, for we are part of all that
When bod-ies shiv-er in the night and, wea-ry, wait for morn-ing, when chil-dren have no bread but
God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in crea-at-ing a fu-ture free from want and
is with-in life's riv-er flow-ing. With o-pen hands re-ceive and share the gifts of
tears, and war-horns sound their warn-ing, God calls hu-man-i-ty to wake, to join in
fear, life's good-ness cel-e-brat-ing. That new world beck-ons from a-far, in-vites our
God's cre-a-tion, that all may have a-bun-dant life in ev-ery earth-ly na-tion.
com-mon la-bor, that all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their neigh-bor.
shared en-deav-or, that all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-ev-er.

Prayers of the People

Creator of the Sunlit Sky...
Let all have abundant life.

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 306

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Invitation to Stewardship

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.

Rev. Russell

Offertory

For the Healing of the Nations

Mr. Collins

Doxology 715

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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

1 Samuel 17:55-18:9

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

This Could Get Messy

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Love stayed. Even when things became messy and unpleasant, love stayed."

–Karen Witemeyer, More Than Meets the Eye

Hymn of Communion

The Bread We Break Is Telling²

JONATHAN’S TUNE

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Don Hange, Jr.

Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 683	<i>O for a World</i>	AZMON
Benediction and Charge	<i>Restless Weaver</i>	Rev. Russell
Postlude		Mr. Collins

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 *Life is messy* (2020) by Cindy Higby. This artwork depicts deciphering the complexities of everyday; life gets messy as seen in this abstract interpretation.

¹Words by Ruth Duck, 1992

²Words by Richard Leach, 2004

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 8/14: 11am - Two or More scripture discussion group
6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship
Mon., 8/15: 5-7pm - Bible, Burger & Beer at the Foundry
7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
Tue., 8/16: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
Wed., 8/17: 7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative
Thu., 8/18: 4-9pm - Third Thursday Elyria (Ely Square)

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



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us in-person and/or online. Scan this QR code with a smartphone to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make an online contribution.

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