



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

Worship of God

August 21, 2022, 9:30am: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of God is with you!
And also with you!

Mr. Gerald Western

Call to Worship

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

Mr. Western

Prelude

Antiphon

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) He didn't say that any particular ethic, doctrine, or religion was the way, the truth, and the life. He said that he was. He didn't say that it was by believing or doing anything in particular that you could "come to the Father." He said that it was only by him—by living, participating in, being caught up by, the way of life that he embodied, that was his way."

—Frederick Buechner, *Peculiar Treasures*

Hymn of Praise 485

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

TALLIS' CANON

Invocation

Mr. Marty Rowe

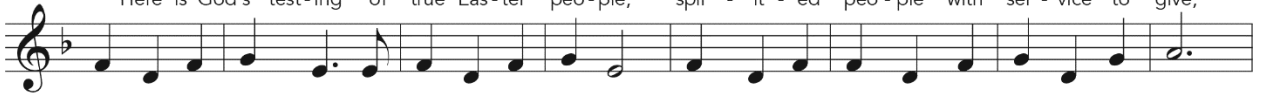
Hymn of Prayer

Leftover People in Leftover Places¹

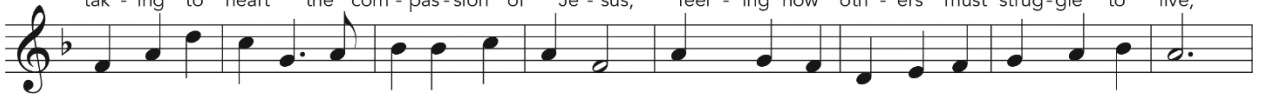
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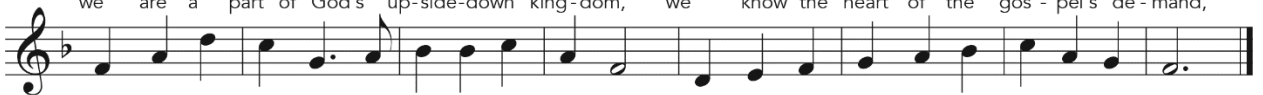
Left - o - ver peo - ple in left - o - ver plac - es, trou - bled, dis - a - bled, the need - y and sad,
Left - o - ver peo - ple, dis - pos - a - ble peo - ple, locked in - to pris - ons of drugs and de - spair,
Here is God's test - ing of true Eas - ter peo - ple, spir - it - ed peo - ple with ser - vice to give,



scav - eng - ing crumbs from so - ci - e - ty's plen - ty, sick to the soul when their life has gone bad;
pov - er - ty's chil - dren in pov - er - ty's spi - ral, locked out of learn - ing and earn - ing their share;
tak - ing to heart the com - pas - sion of Je - sus, feel - ing how oth - ers must strug - gle to live;



these are the ones in God's up - side - down king - dom, deemed to be wor - thy and called to the feast,
these are the ones in God's up - side - down king - dom, these are the Christ in their shab - by dis - guise,
we are a part of God's up - side - down king - dom, we know the heart of the gos - pel's de - mand,



soup - kitch - en peo - ple in - vit - ed to ban - quet, val - ued as great - ly as roy - al and priest.
these are the least and the high - ly un - like - ly, giv - en a hope and new light in their eyes.
tak - ing our part with the left - o - ver peo - ple, wid - ening the space of the lines in the sand.

Prayers of the People

God of the upside down kingdom...
Help us know the heart of the gospel's demand.

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 305

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Invitation to Stewardship

Ms. Lauri Warfield

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

Offertory

Community of Christ

Mr. Collins

Doxology

Doxology²

OURS THE JOURNEY

Take, O God, the gifts we offer, use them for your reign to bring justice that will flow like fountains, life from your abundant spring. God, you are our holy parent, and we sing our thanks to you. Let us see your future dawning, your world made anew.

The Reading

Mark 12:28-34

Rev. Roger Osgood

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

It Should Be Easy

Rev. Osgood

Discipline of Silence

"God's original intention for humanity in the first place was to live in relationship with God, loving and serving God by loving and serving others—a life of obedience that creates justice, and freedom, and peace for us all."

—Alan Brehm, *The Waking Dreamer*, 2009

Hymn of Communion 486

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Who Is My Mother? Who Is My Brother?

Invitation to Commune

Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Megan Doan

Let Justice Flow Down



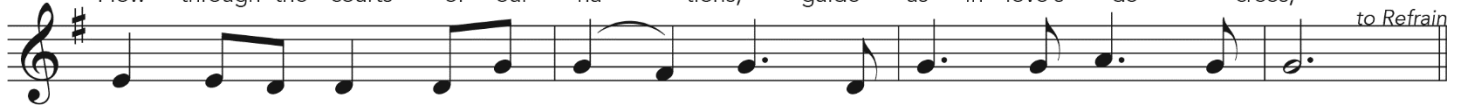
Let jus-tice flow down, down like a riv-er, down to the val-leys where the help-less cry.



Right-eous-ness, flow through us for-ev-er, lead us to the stream that will nev-er run dry.



Flow to the mouths of the hun - gry; flow to the hands of the poor.
Flow to the streets of the home - less, find - ing no place they can go.
Flow through the courts of our na - tions, guide us in love's de - crees;



Flow to the hearts of the or - phans, the rav - ag - es of war.
Flow to the cells of the pris - on - ers who face - each day a - lone.
lead us to streams of sal - va - tion and flood our lands with peace.

Words of Institution		Ms. Stevens-Brown
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Ron Dauphin
Hymn of Discipleship (Insert)	<i>Let Justice Flow Down</i> ³	LET JUSTICE FLOW
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Dauphin
Postlude	<i>Ours the Journey</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Mr. Collins

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

Today's artwork is *The poor invited to the feast* (1973). JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

¹Words by Shirley Erena Murray, 2007

²Words by Nathan A. Russell, 2021

³Words by Douglas Romanow, 1994

Flowers in the chancel are in honor of Lydia Ward as she heads to Ashland University, from Grandma Sheila and family.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 8/21: 11am - Two or More scripture discussion group
- 6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship
- Mon., 8/22: 7pm - YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 8/23: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
- Wed., 8/24: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
- Thu., 8/25: 10am - Social Hour**
- Sat., 8/27: 10am-1pm - Outreach Fair set-up

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

**Contact the church office for the link to this bi-weekly chat.



We are thrilled that you are worshipping 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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