

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

Worship of God

September 18, 2022, 9:30am: The Fifteenth 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

Report from the Board

Rev. Ron Dauphin

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Sorrow prepares you for joy. It violently sweeps everything out of your house, so that new joy can find space to enter. It shakes the yellow leaves from the bough of your heart, so that fresh, green leaves can grow in their place. It pulls up the rotten roots, so that new roots hidden beneath have room to grow. Whatever sorrow shakes from your heart, far better things will take their place."

-Rumi



Invocation

Mr. Ken Oblak

Hymn of Prayer 354

Seek Ye First

SEEK YE FIRST

Prayers of the People

Creator who calls us to the Way...

Help us seek first your reign.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ms. Lauri Warfield

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

Offertory

Let Justice Roll like a River

WACC Community Choir

CHILDREN PRAYING

Doxology 528 Give Thanks GIVE THANKS Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's son. And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich," Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

The Reading

John 16:16-22

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon What Does This Mean? Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Out of the huts of history's shame / I rise / Up from a past that's rooted in pain / I rise / I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide, / Welling and swelling I bear in the tide. / Leaving behind nights of terror and fear / I rise / Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear / I rise / Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave, / I am the dream and the hope of the slave. / I rise / I rise / I rise."

-Maya Angelou, Still I Rise

Hymn of Communion 392 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether UNION SEMINARY

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

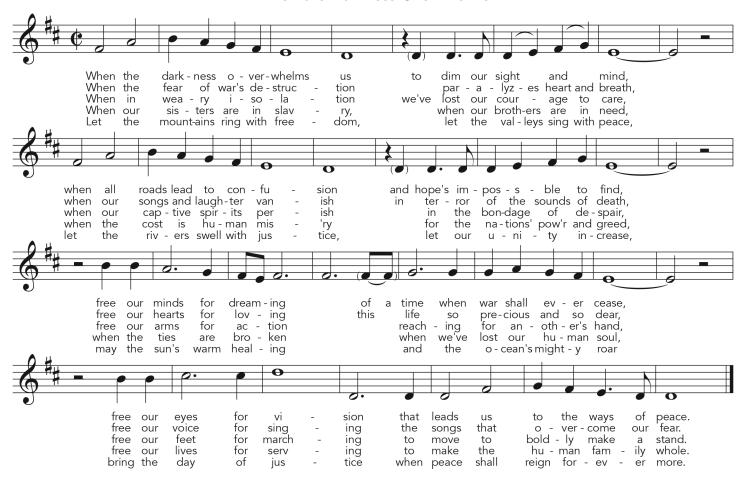
Ms. Warfield Rev. Russell

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Words of Institution

When the Darkness Overwhelms



Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
And all the people said...

Mr. Collins

AMEN!

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

Today's artwork is I Am the Resurrection (2016) by Mike Moyers.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 9/18: 11am - Two or More scripture discussion group in the Gibbens rooms

6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship

Mon., 9/19: 7pm - YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart

Tue., 9/20: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using The Upper Room (on Zoom)*

3pm - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting (hybrid)

5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom) 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative

Wed., 9/21: 7pm - YouTube premiere of Thu., 9/22: 10am - Online Social Hour**

Sat., 9/24: 10am - Regional Assembly at Camp Christian

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

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



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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