



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

## Worship of God

September 25, 2022, 9:30am: The Sixteenth 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 Church Life & Growth

Ms. Nancy Walker

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude

Ms. Maire Pasquinelli and Mr. Evan Collins  
*Silent Noon*

Meditation for Preparation

"No matter how good you get at reframing, the single most important rule about managing the interaction is this: *You can't move the conversation in a more positive direction until the other person feels heard and understood.* And they won't feel heard and understood until you've listened. When the other person becomes highly emotional, listen and acknowledge. When they say their version of the story is the only version that makes sense, paraphrase what you're hearing and ask them some questions about why they think this. If they level accusations against you, before defending yourself, try to understand their view. Whenever you feel overwhelmed or unsure how to proceed, remember that it is always a good time to listen."

– Douglas Stone, et al, *Difficult Conversations*

Hymn of Praise 487

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

ACCEPTANCE

Invocation

Ms. Kimberly Wilhelm

Hymn of Prayer 490

*Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG

Prayers of the People

God of heaven and earth...  
**Help us sing in harmony.**

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.**

Invitation to Stewardship

Mr. Don Hange, Jr.

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

Offertory

*We Are One*

WACC Community Choir



Com - mu - ni - ty of joy, pro - claim the liv - ing Christ! Come cel - e - brate as  
 Com - mu - ni - ty of hope, pro - claim the liv - ing Christ! The fu - ture is our  
 Com - mu - ni - ty of love, pro - claim the liv - ing Christ! Em - brace the lone - ly,  
 Com - mu - ni - ty of peace, pro - claim the liv - ing Christ! Stand firm for jus - tice,  
 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, pro - claim the mis - sion clear. Say "Yes!" to God's per -

fam - 'ly in a - bun - dant life. Claim vic - to - ry! The  
 God's and shines with grace - filled light. Claim vic - to - ry! The  
 bruised, and to end; af - firm all life. Claim vic - to - ry! The  
 work to end all earth - ly strife. Claim vic - to - ry! The  
 sist - ent call; re - lease all fear. Claim vic - to - ry! The

Christ of faith re - stores our joy and makes us free.  
 Christ of faith re - news our hope and makes us free.  
 Christ of faith re - kin - dles love and makes us free.  
 Christ of faith re - deems our peace and makes us free.  
 Christ of joy, hope, love, and peace will make us free.

Today's artwork is Yann Kebbi's, *Stop Googling. Let's Talk*, The New York Times, September 26, 2015.

Flowers are given in memory of Alan Shaffstall.

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 9/25: 11am - Two or More scripture discussion group in the Gibbens rooms
- 6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship
- Mon., 9/26: 7pm - YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart
- Tue., 9/27: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*
- 6:30pm - Christian Education Committee meeting (hybrid)
- Wed., 9/28: 6pm - WACC hosts Town Hall Meeting, "Safe Communities: Gun Violence is a Public Health Crisis"
- 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative

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



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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