

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

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

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH Doxology 47 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Challenging Conversations

The Reading Matthew 5:21-26 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.

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Discipline of Silence

Sermon

"There is no blade of grass, no body, no starlight, that is not in the end begging for repair. This is not poetic despondence, it's a tragedy we must contend with in order to get free. Repair is more than justice. What do we do once the curse is lifted but the damage is untouched? When justice is had and the swords are beaten into plowshares but everyone's wounds are still bleeding in the open, what then? Justice doesn't survive without repair. We have to pause and bandage ourselves up habitually. Even when the oppressor has been defeated, we are worthy of tending to the pain of the past. Repair—truth-telling, reparations, healing, reconciliation—these are what breathe new life into us." - Cole Arthur Riley, This Here Flesh

Invitation to Commune

Hymn of Communion 420

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Debby Willets Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship (back page) Community of Joy

Words of Institution

DARWALL'S 148th

Benediction and Charge

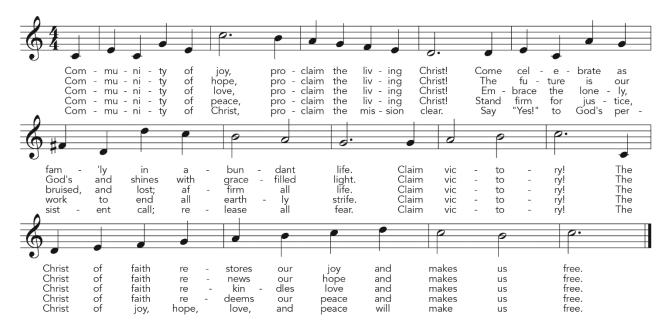
Postlude

Rev. Russell 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 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

- YouTube premiere of morning worship 6pm

- YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart Mon., 9/26: 7pm

Tue., 9/27: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using The Upper Room (on Zoom)*

6:30pm - Christian Education Committee meeting (hybrid)

- WACC hosts Town Hall Meeting, "Safe Communities: Gun Violence is a Public Wed., 9/28: 6pm

Health Crisis"

- YouTube premiere of theAlternative 7pm

*First-timers may register at <u>waccelvria.org</u> 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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