

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

Worship of God

October 2, 2022, 9:30am: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Rev. Ron Dauphin

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Dauphin

Prelude		Mr. Evan Collins
Meditation for Preparation		
	"Anyone who does anything to help a child is a hero to me."	– Fred Rogers
Hymn of Praise 293	<i>Out of Need and Out of Custom</i>	GATHERING
Invocation		Mr. Mark Mathes
Hymn of Prayer 253	<i>Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness</i>	PLEADING SAVIOR
Prayers of the People	Author of the new creation... Anoint us with your power.	
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		CHILDREN PRAYING
	<i>Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying</i>	
Invitation to Stewardship		Ms. Mary Siwierka
	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.	
Offertory	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	WACC Community Choir
Doxology 528	<i>Doxology</i>	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	Mark 10:13-16	Rev. Beth McKee
	For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	

Sermon

Rev. McKee

Discipline of Silence

“Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.”

– Mary Oliver

Hymn of Communion

In These Moments We Remember¹

MEDEMA

In these mo - ments we re - mem - ber One who calls us to be friends. One who leads us on the
 We are hun - gry for re - fresh - ment. We are long - ing to be whole. To this mo - ment we are
 We will take this ho - ly ta - ble to the hun - gry ev - ery - where. God's pro - vi - sion has sus -

jour - ney, till the jour - ney's joy - ful end. Bless - ed Je - sus, guide and teach - er, voice and
 bring - ing starv - ing spir - its, thirst - y souls. As we meet a - round this ta - ble, may God's
 tained us; God's a - bun - dance we will share. Hun - gry hearts and hun - gry bod - ies will be

face of love di - vine; now we cel - e - brate his pres - ence in this feast of bread and wine.
 feast our spir - its fill. May we find new hope and pur - pose. May we find new strength and will.
 nour - ished and be fed. And we seal this, our com - mit - ment, in this feast of wine and bread.

Invitation to Commune

Mr. Gerald Western

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Megan Rowe

Words of Institution

Mr. Western

Invitation to Discipleship

Mr. Mathes

Hymn of Discipleship (insert)
e Lift Our Song²

In Unity W
EIN' FESTE BURG

Benediction and Charge

Mr. Mathes

Postlude

Mr. Collins

And all the people said...

AMEN!

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

In Unity We Lift Our Song



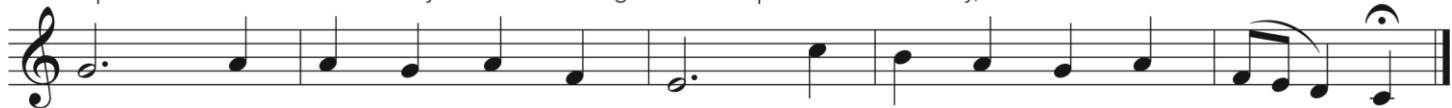
In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate - ful a - dor - a - tion, for
For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er - a - tion, to
For sa - cred scrip - tures hand - ed down, a bless - ed trust and trea - tion, sure, which
For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giv - er. Our



broth - ers brave and sis - ters strong. What cause for cel - e - bra - tion! For
give us strength in time of pain, to give us con - so - la - tion. Our
give us hope when hope is gone and make us weep with plea - sure. And
strength, our guide, our nur - turing breast whose hand will yet de - liv - er. Who



those whose faith - ful - ness has kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our
spir - its to re - vive to keep our dreams a - live, when we are far from
when our eyes grow blind and death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them
keeps us till the day when night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are



plight, who've held us in the night, the bless - ed con - gre - ga - tion.
home and e - vil sea - sons come; how firm is our foun - da - tion.
still gone whose words our hearts can fill with hope be - yond all mea - sure.
gone and all our work is done, and we shall sing for - ev - er.

Today's artwork is *Jesus welcomes the children* (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. This dramatic painting is full of joy—calling the viewer to be happy alongside the children running to Jesus. We know from the gospel passage that the disciples were rebuking the people bringing the children to him. Jesus responds saying, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" Mark 10:14. Imagine choosing a life of humility, one that recognizes the value in others and fully celebrates the beautiful differences and similarities we share as humans. Imagine a world where the weakest and most vulnerable are not rejected but protected, heard, and valued. Let us be like the children in this painting—eager to hear Jesus and accept his blessings. Let us be like Jesus, accepting the vulnerable into our hearts and lives.

¹Lyrics by Ken Medema, 2009

²Lyrics by Ken Medema, 1994

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 10/2: 11am - *Two or More* scripture discussion group in the Gibbens rooms
6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship
- Mon., 10/3: 3pm - Worship Committee meeting (hybrid)
7pm - YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart
- Tue., 10/4: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
5:30pm - Stewardship Committee meeting (on Zoom)
- Wed., 10/5: 7pm - YouTube premiere of the Alternative
- Thu., 10/6: 10am - Social Hour (on Zoom)**
- Fri., 10/7: 10am - WACC hosts Elyria-Area Church Women United Board meeting (Gibbens room)

*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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