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

Worship of God

October 9, 2022, 9:30am: The Eighteenth 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
Call to Worship	Lift up your hearts… **We lift them to the Lord!**	Rev. Russell

Prelude	*Toccata in E♭ Major*	Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation
"Obstacles do not block the path, they are the path."

– Zen Proverb

Hymn of Praise 696	*For Beauty of Meadows*	ST. DENIO

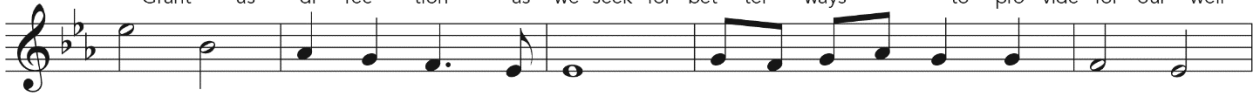|		
Invocation		Rev. Janet Long

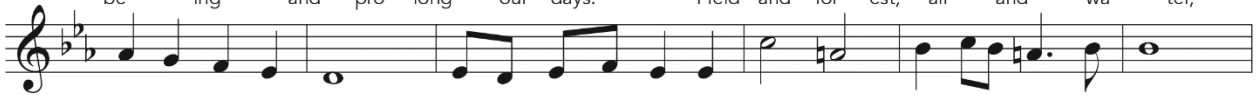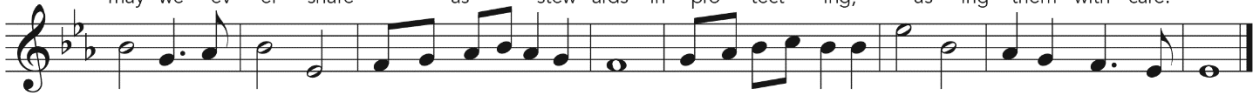|		
Hymn of Prayer	*God of Creation*[1]	JUDAS MACCABEUS

God of cre - a - tion. help us each to un - der - stand how to use the vast re -
Earth's stores of rich - es, like life - giv - ing rain and sun, are your gen - er - ous pro -
Grant us di - rec - tion as we seek for bet - ter ways to pro - vide for our well -

sourc - es of both sea and land. Teach us how to plant and har - vest,
vi - sions meant for ev - ery - one. May we use them as in - ten - ded,
be - ing and pro - long our days. Field and for - est, air and wa - ter,

not for graft or greed, but that there may be suf - fi - cient for a world in need.
nev - er waste-ful - ly, not just for this gen - er - a - tion but those yet to be.
may we ev - er share as stew-ards in pro - tect - ing, us - ing them with care.

God of crea - a - tion, we would be cre-a-tors, too, bless our ef-forts us-ing wise - ly all that comes from you.

Prayers of the People	God of creation…	
	Grant us direction.	

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 313	*Amen*	STAINER

Invitation to Stewardship		Rev. Long

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

Offertory	*Give Thanks*	WACC Community Choir

Doxology	*Doxology*[2]	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	1 Samuel 17:31-40	Rev. Gary Kidwell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant…
Thanks be to God.

Sermon	*Taking On Giants*	Rev. Kidwell

Discipline of Silence

"It's not so much what we have in this life that matters. It's what we do with what we have."
– Mr. Rogers

Hymn of Communion 381	*Take My Gifts*	TALAVERA TERRACE

Invitation to Commune	Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table	Mr. Bob Maxwell

Words of Institution	Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship	Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 606	NETTLETON

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Benediction and Charge	Rev. Russell

Postlude	*Come and Find the Quiet Center*	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 *David and Goliath* (2005) by John August Swanson.

[1]Lyrics by Naomi Russell, 1980
[2]Lyrics by Nathan A. Russell, 2021

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 10/9:	11am	-	Reception in the parlors
	6pm	-	YouTube premiere of morning worship
Mon., 10/10:	7pm	-	YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart
Tue., 10/11:	7:45am	-	Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
	5:30pm	-	Elders' meeting (hybrid)
	7pm	-	Board meeting (hybrid)
Wed., 10/12:	8am	-	WACC hosts Elyria Catholic High School's sophomore retreat
	7pm	-	YouTube premiere of theAlternative
Sat., 10/15:	3pm	-	Fall Fest

*First-timers may register at waccelyria.org 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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