



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

## Worship of God

October 16, 2022, 9:30am: The Nineteenth 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

Update from the Elders

Mr. Gerald Western

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

“Southern trees bear a strange fruit / Blood on the leaves and blood at the root  
Black bodies swinging in the southern breeze / Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees.”  
–Billie Holiday, *Strange Fruit*

Hymn of Praise 714 *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYD Y NOS

Invocation Dr. Steve Mayer

Hymn of Prayer 693 *Touch the Earth Lightly* TENDERNESS

Prayers of the People God of life and love...  
**Reconnect, use, and teach us.**

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 593 *Lead Me, Lord* LEAD ME LORD

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

Offertory *Come and Find the Quiet Center* WACC Community Choir

Doxology *Doxology* NUN DANKET  
**All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother, to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

The Reading Luke 6:43-45 Rev. Russell  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Discipline of Silence

“Unfortunately, during the course of 2,000 years of Christian history, this symbol of salvation has been detached from any reference to the ongoing suffering and oppression of human beings—those whom Ignacio Ellacuría, the Salvadoran martyr, called ‘the crucified peoples of history.’ The cross has been transformed into a harmless, non-offensive ornament that Christians wear around their necks. Rather than reminding us of the ‘cost of discipleship,’ it has become a form of ‘cheap grace,’ an easy way to salvation that doesn’t force us to confront the power of Christ’s message and mission. Until we can see the cross and the lynching tree together, until we can identify Christ with a ‘recrucified’ black body hanging from a lynching tree, there can be no genuine understanding of Christian identity in America, and no deliverance from the brutal legacy of slavery and white supremacy.”

–James Cone, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*

Hymn of Communion 395

*Seed, Scattered and Sown*

SEED SCATTERED

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Don Hange, Jr.

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 695

*God of the Fertile Fields*

ITALIAN HYMN

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*Préambule*  
And all the people said...  
**AMEN!**

Mr. Collins

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

Today's artwork is *Peach Tree Orchard* (2018) by Maria Bertran.

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 10/16: 11am - *Two or More* scripture discussion group  
6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship  
Mon., 10/17: 7pm - YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart  
Tue., 10/18: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*  
1:30pm - Property Committee Meeting  
5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom)  
7pm - Joanna Circle gathering (on Zoom)  
Wed., 10/19: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative  
Thu., 10/20: 10am - Social Hour (on Zoom)\*\*

\*First-timers may register at [waccelyria.org](http://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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