



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

## Worship of God

November 13, 2022, 9:30am: The Twenty-third 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 Christian Education Committee

Ms. Susan Mathes

Moment for Stewardship

Mr. Mark Mathes

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Mr. Evan Collins

## Meditation for Preparation

"In a very real sense not one of us is qualified, but it seems that God continually chooses the most unqualified to do his work, to bear his glory. If we are qualified, we tend to think that we have done the job ourselves. If we are forced to accept our evident lack of qualification, then there's no danger that we will confuse God's work with our own, or God's glory with our own."

– Madeleine L'Engle, *Walking on Water*

Hymn of Praise 284

*Gather Us In*

GATHER US IN

Invocation

Ms. Marilyn Bauer

Hymn of Prayer 86

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

Prayers of the People

Faithful God...  
**Grant us strength and hope.**

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 314

*Amen*

AMEN

Invitation to Stewardship

Mr. Gerald Western

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

Offertory

*You Are My Hiding Place*

Mr. Collins

Doxology

*Doxology*

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed. God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness. God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness.**

The Reading

John 2:1-11

Rev. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

**Thanks be to God.**

Discipline of Silence

“In the silence that followed, Baby Suggs, holy, offered up to them her great big heart. She did not tell them to clean up their lives or to go and sin no more. She did not tell them they were the blessed of the earth, its inheriting meek or its glorybound pure. She told them that the only grace they could have was the grace they could imagine. That if they could not see it, they would not have it.”

– Toni Morrison, *Beloved*

Hymn of Communion 393

*One Bread, One Body*

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Western

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship *Christ Has Changed the World's Direction!*<sup>1</sup>

MICHAEL

Christ has changed the world's di - rec - tion! Christ can change the hu - man heart: a - gents  
Peace will be our way of think - ing: com - mon wealth and com - mon state. Gone the  
Debts and doubts will be for - giv - en, can - celed in the name of God, ol - ive  
What have we as com - men - da - tion, sent to speak, as speak we must? Love will  
En - voys of a high com - mis - sion, gifts of hope we find to share, Christ the

of wounds, the new cre - a - tion mend the con - peo - ple torn a - part; so are  
trees the words and weap - ons that con - spire to hurt and hate, and no  
be our glob - al lan - guage, hands an en - e - my can trust, faith to  
Spir - it rec - on - cil - ing, Christ our in - ter - net of care. Though we

we power fed, faith, stall, charged shall ter - race, fail to de - vor with or be  
be our fled, race, fall go - be - tweens earth or jus - tice all shall go - be - tweens  
air shin - ing find a meet - ing re - fuse where peace in its place. God's  
flower. stead. place. call?

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
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 *The Wedding at Cana*, Jesus Mafa (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.

<sup>1</sup>Lyrics by Shirley Erena Murray, 2006

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 11/13: 11am - Labyrinth workshop  
6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship  
Mon., 11/14: 7pm - YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart  
Tue., 11/15: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*  
5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom)  
7pm - Joanna Circle gathering (on Zoom)  
Wed., 11/16: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative  
Thu., 11/17: 10am - Online Social Hour\*\*

\*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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