



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

## Worship of God

November 20, 2022, 9:30am: Consecration Day & Reign of Christ Sunday

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Moment for Stewardship

Ms. Kathy Wainwright

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude

*Bless The Lord, My Soul*

WACC Music Ensemble

Meditation for Preparation

“Today, like every other day, we wake up empty and frightened. Don’t open the door to the study and begin reading. Take down a musical instrument. Let the beauty we love be what we do. There are a hundred ways to kneel and kiss the ground.”

–Rumi, *The Book of Love*

Hymn of Praise 649

*Give Thanks for Life*

SINE NOMINE

Invocation

Ms. Karen McCall

Hymn of Prayer

*God of the Future*<sup>1</sup>

TENDERNESS

God of the fu - ture, call - ing us for - ward, thaw our in - er - tia, and  
 Where we think jus - tice, will crown our jour - ney, teach us in mer - cy to  
 Wid - en our vi - sion to grasp a mis - sion broad - er than an - y we  
 For our fore - bod - ings give us a fore - taste of all you call us to

wean us from greed; trans - form false com - fort in - to com - mit - ment  
 seek our true home; when end - ing blood - shed seems our best pur - pose,  
 dream on our own; help us sur - ren - der all that would hin - der  
 do and to be; God of the fu - ture, still lead us for - ward

that we may serve you in word and in deed.  
 our full in - ten - tion that lives in sha - lom.  
 to live as peo - ple whom Christ has set a - lone.  
 free.

Prayers of the People

God of the future...

**Widen our vision.**

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. Dan Clark
	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.	
Offertory	Ms. Alivia Gaskins, Ms. Alexis Facaros, Ms. Hannah Ross, & Mr. Evan Collins	
	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	
Doxology	<i>Doxology</i>	NUN DANKET
	<b>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.</b>	
The Reading	Psalm 47	Rev. Russell
	For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...	
	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	<i>Giving Thanks with Grateful Hearts</i>	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence		
	"Gratitude begins in our hearts and then dovetails into behavior. It almost always makes you willing to be of service, which is where the joy resides. It means you are willing to stop being such a jerk. When you are aware of all that has been given to you, in your lifetime and in the past few days, it is hard not to be humbled, and pleased to give back."	
	—Anne Lamott, <i>Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers</i>	
Hymn of Communion 528	<i>Give Thanks</i>	GIVE THANKS
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer at the Table		Ms. Lauri Warfield
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship	<i>Hymn of Consecration<sup>2</sup></i>	HYFRYDOL
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Praise to the Lord</i>	Mr. Jordan Blackburn, Mr. Collins

## Hymn of Consecration



On this day of con - se - cra - tion, we as - pire to dream a - new  
Though the path a - head is daunt - ing, we find joy in min - is - try.  
Will we make it? Let us try it! We will live with faith that sees



what it is that God en - vi - sions, for Christ's Church to be and do.  
Treas - ure, time, and tal - ent giv - ing, we dis - cov - er ways to be  
both the risk yet more the prom - ise of God's world that waits to be.



What a task and oh the chal - lenge that this mo - ment rep - re - sents.  
God's good news in thought - ful ac - tion from our door - steps to earth's bounds.  
We can sense it! We can taste it! All cre - a - tion will take part!



Let us join our hands in giv - ing to ful - fill what God has dreamt.  
Let us rise to this oc - ca - sion and move on with love un - bound.  
For the move - ment of this mo - ment, we give thanks with grate - ful hearts!

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 *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* (2022) by Megan Rowe, an elder, vice chair of the board, and member of the Pastoral Relations and Worship Committees. The theme and idea for the artwork took root in a recent Stewardship Committee meeting and a later lunch meeting between Kim Wilhelm and Megan Rowe.

<sup>1</sup>Lyrics by Carl P. Daw, Jr., 2002

<sup>2</sup>Lyrics by Nathan A. Russell, 2022

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 11/20: 11am - Consecration Day Thanks-Giving meal  
6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship
- Mon., 11/21: 7pm - YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart  
2pm - Pastor covenant review
- Tue., 11/22: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*  
9am - Worship Committee work day (trees)  
6:30 - Christian Education Committee meeting (hybrid)
- Wed., 11/23: 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
- Thu., 11/24: Happy Thanksgiving! Church office closed Thursday and Friday

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