

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	Rev. Russell

We lift them to the Lord!

#### 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

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Invocation

Ms. Karen McCall

Hymn of Prayer

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

**TENDERNESS** 



Prayers of the People

God of the future... Widen our vision.

The Lord's Prayer 307

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

Mr. Dan Clark

Offertory Ms. Alivia Gaskins, Ms. Alexis Facaros, Ms. Hannah Ross, & Mr. Evan Collins Great is Thy Faithfulness

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 Psalm 47 Rev. Russell For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Giving Thanks with Grateful Hearts Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

Hymn of Communion 528

Invitation to Discipleship

"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, Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers

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**GIVE THANKS** 

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell
Prayer at the Table Ms. Lauri Warfield

Give Thanks

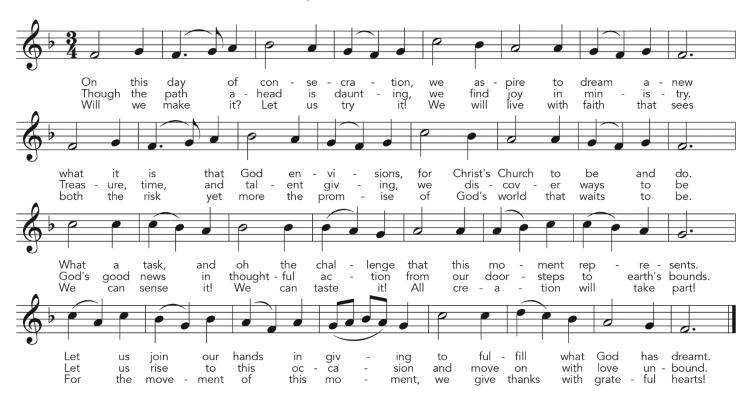
Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship Hymn of Consecration<sup>2</sup> HYFRYDOL

Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude Praise to the Lord Mr. Jordan Blackburn, Mr. Collins

### Hymn of Consecration



# 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

#### **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 waccelvria.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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