



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

Worship of God

August 13, 2023, 9:30am: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

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

Nathan A. Russell

Meditation for Preparation

"But peace is not merely the absence of tension, but the presence of justice. And even if we didn't have this tension, we still wouldn't have positive peace. Yes it is true that if the Negro accept his place, accepts exploitation, and injustice, there will be peace. But it would be an obnoxious peace. It would be a peace that boiled down to stagnant complicity, deadening passivity."

—Martin Luther King, Jr., *When Peace Becomes Obnoxious*

Hymn of Praise

*In Unity We Lift Our Song*¹

EIN' FESTE BURG

In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate - ful a - dor - a - tion,
 For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er - a - tion,
 For sa - cred scrip - tures hand - ed down, a bless - ed trust and trea - sure,
 For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giv - er.

for kin - dred brave and sib - lings strong. What cause for cel - e - bra - tion!
 to give us strength in time of pain, to give us con - so - la - tion.
 which give us hope when hope is gone and make us weep with plea - sure.
 Our strength, our guide, our nur - turing breast whose hand will yet de - liv - er.

For those whose faith - ful - ness has kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our
 Our spir - its to re - vive to keep our dreams a - live, when we are far from
 And when our eyes grow blind and death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them
 Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are

plight, who've held us in the night, the bless - ed con - gre - ga - tion.
 home and e - vil sea - sons come; how firm is our foun - da - tion.
 still whose words our hearts can fill with hope be - yond all mea - sure.
 gone and all our work is done, and we shall sing for - ev - er.

Invocation

Bob Maxwell

Hymn of Prayer 69

How Like a Gentle Spirit

SURSUM CORDA

Prayers of the People

Gentle Spirit...

Let the universal love of God shine through.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Mother/Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin*dom 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 kin*dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

Sung Response 264

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

ADAMS

Invitation to Stewardship

Mark Mathes

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

Offertory

Adagio in E Major

Sol Rizzato

Doxology 528

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

The Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Nathan A. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Living in Tension with the World

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The status quo is the maintenance of 18 to 30 tons of tension across the full length and width of the instrument. Only thus can the steel strings be tight enough to tremble at the proper musical frequencies. Only thus can they transfer their tremblings through the bridges to the resonating soundboard. Only thus can that hulk of furniture in the corner of the living room emit the kind of pleasing, lovely sounds we expect from it."

—Anita T. Sullivan, *The Seventh Dragon*

Hymn of Communion 491

As Grain on Scattered Hillsides

MERLE'S TUNE

Invitation to Commune

Nathan A. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mark Mathes

Words of Institution		Nathan A. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Nathan A. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 655	<i>Community of Christ</i>	LEONI
Benediction and Charge		Nathan A. Russell
Postlude	<i>Berceuse and Finale (Firebird)</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Sol Rizzato

¹Lyrics by Ken Medema, 1994

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 13	11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group (Gibbens Room)
	6:00pm: YouTube premiere of morning worship
Tuesday, August 15	7:30am: Upper Room Social Hour (Zoom)
	5:00pm: Outreach Committee Meeting (Zoom)



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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