



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

Worship of God

September 24, 2023, 9:30am: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Glennis Covault

Call to Worship

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

Glennis Covault

Prelude

Rees Taylor Robets

Meditation for Preparation

"Stories are for joining the past to the future. Stories are for those late hours in the night when you can't remember how you got from where you were to where you are. Stories are for eternity, when memory is erased, when there is nothing to remember except the story."

—Tim O'Brien, *The Things They Carried*

Hymn of Praise

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
Now the queen of sea - sons bright the day of splen - dor,
Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God has brought forth, Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en,
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

Invocation

Don Hange, Jr.

Hymn of Prayer 510

Out of the Depths

DEPTHS

Prayers of the People

God who hears...
Meet us with your grace.

The Lord's Prayer 310

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HAAS

Invitation to Stewardship

Kimberly Wilhelm

Offertory

Rees Taylor Roberts

Doxology

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

**At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

The Reading

Revelation 21:1-7
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"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. 'Here,' she said, 'in this here place, we flesh; flesh that weeps, laughs; flesh that dances on bare feet in grass. Love it. Love it hard.'"

-Toni Morrison, *Beloved*

Hymn of Communion 518

This Is A Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

Invitation to Commune

Nathan A. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Megan Doan

Words of Institution

Nathan A. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down;
 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it, in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 Peace, a - bun - dant grace ful - fil - ling, mer - cies dai - ly new we find;
 Fin - ish, then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be,

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find thy set - tled rest;
 sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.
 Pa - tient God, O make us will - ing, to be - stow such gifts in kind.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed, love thou art;
 take a - way our love of sin - ning; al - pha and o - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 Waste - ful love that thou hast giv - en, free - ly serv - ing hu - man - kind.
 changes from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 As we count our selves for - giv - en, may we so give love di - vine.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

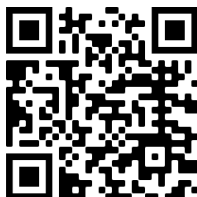
Rees Taylor Roberts

And all the people said...

AMEN!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 24	11:00am	Becoming WACC: Creation Care Team (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00pm	YouTube premiere of morning worship
Monday, September 25	7:00pm	<i>Do I Stay Christian</i> Book Study Group (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, September 26	7:30am:	Upper Room Social (Zoom)
	6:30pm:	Christian Education Committee Meeting (Hybrid)



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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