

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

# Worship of God

October 1, 2023, 9:30am: The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour The Atwood Carillon

Greeting The Spirit of God is with you... Glennis Covault

And also with you!

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Glennis Covault

We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude Sol Rizzato

#### Meditation for Preparation

"Our interpretations reveal less about God or the Bible than they do about ourselves. They reveal what we want to defend, what we want to attack, what we want to ignore, what we're unwilling to question."

-Brian D. McLaren, A New Kind of Christian



Invocation Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer 497

In Loving Partnership

**PARTNERSHIP** 

Prayers of the People

God, our Friend and Partner...

Let justice and peace be our desire.

### 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 306

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Invitation to Stewardship

Don Hange, Jr.

Offertory

Sol Rizzato

Doxology

Doxology<sup>2</sup>

**FOUNDATION** 

All honor we give you, O help us to see, your children are worthy to claim victory. And so let our actions flow out of our praise, to seek transformation, you kin\*dom to raise.

The Reading

2 Samuel 11:2-15

Nathan A. Russell

For the words of scripture that are difficult to hear and honor...

Be with us, God, in our discomfort.

## Discipline of Silence

"God save me from the day when stories of violence, rape, and ethnic cleansing inspire within me anything other than revulsion. I don't want to become a person who is unbothered by these texts, and if Jesus is who he says he is, then I don't think he wants me to be either. There are parts of the Bible that inspire, parts that perplex, and parts that leave you with an open wound. I'm still wrestling, and like Jacob, I will wrestle until I am blessed. God hasn't let go of me yet."

-Rachel Held Evans, Inspired

Hymn of Communion 410

Now We Come Before God's Presence

ST. PAUL'S

Invitation to Commune

Nathan A. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Steve Mayer

Words of Institution

Nathan A. Russell

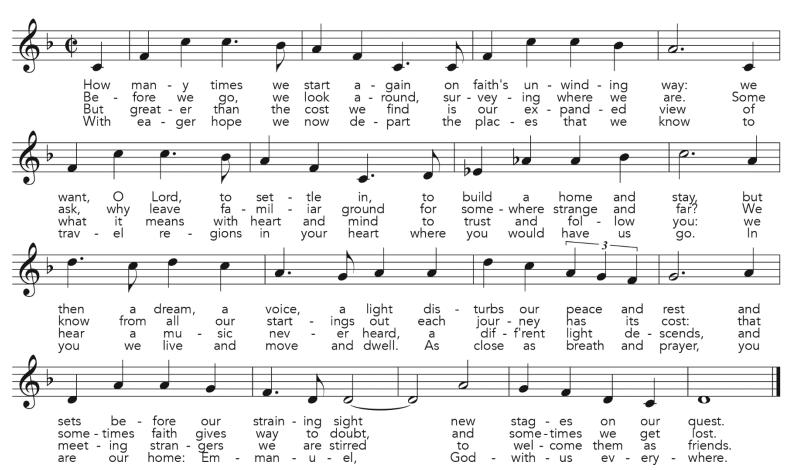
Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

How Many Times We Start Again<sup>3</sup>

**GRACE COVENANT** 



Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Sol Rizzato

And all the people said... **AMEN!** 

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### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sunday, October 1	11:00am	Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group (Gibbens Room)
	6:00pm	YouTube premiere of morning worship
Monday, October 2	3:00pm:	Worship Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
-	7:00pm:	Do I Stay Christian Book Study Group (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, October 3	7:30am:	Upper Room Social (Zoom)
-	7:00pm:	Glennis Covault Dream Team (Zoom)
Wednesday, October 4	10:00am:	Sabbatical Planning Committee (Hybrid)
Thursday, October 5	10:00am:	All-Church Social Hour (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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