

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

## Worship of God

November 5, 2023, 9:30am: The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour The Atwood Carillon

Greeting Glennis Covault

The Spirit of God is with you...

And also with you!

Call to Worship Glennis Covault

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

Prelude Sol Rizzato

## Meditation for Preparation

"It seems to me that almost all our sadnesses are moments of tension, which we feel as paralysis because we no longer hear our astonished emotions living. Because we are alone with the unfamiliar presence that has entered us; because everything we trust and are used to is for a moment taken away from us; because we stand in the midst of a transition where we cannot remain standing. That is why the sadness passes: the new presence inside us, the presence that has been added, has entered our heart, has gone into its innermost chamber and is no longer even there, - is already in our bloodstream. And we don't know what it was. We could easily be made to believe that nothing happened, and yet we have changed, as a house that a guest has entered changes. We can't say who has come, perhaps we will never know, but many signs indicate that the future enters us in this way in order to be transformed in us, long before it happens."

-Rainer Maria Rilke

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MERLE'S TUNE Hymn of Praise 491 As Grain on Scattered Hillsides Invocation **Debby Willets** Hymn of Prayer Christ Be In Our Senses<sup>1</sup> KING'S WESTON Christ be marked with sa sign. Christ be in our vis guard us day and night; ion, way, Christ be this in our iour ney on nar row Christ be breath lу in our ing, con stant im part flesh be di ln the ln car nat tion came vine. bling, keep our feet from stum shine God's ho ly light. when aged dis with we feel cour no voice to pray. grace ev 'ry move ment, peace with in our heart. 0. Christ be in our hear ing, tune to re joice; us Christ be in our speak ing, train our ev 'ry word. ing with Christ be in the si lence hold us care. marked with Christ be in our sens es cred sign. sa each shout whis God's in or per, hear call ing voice. may ln OUR dai lу wit ness God's truth bě heard. qui - et Spir - it's

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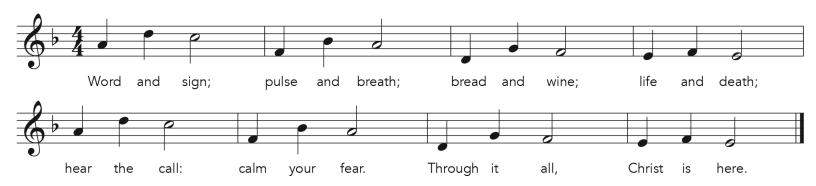
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## The Lord's Prayer

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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.



Invitation to Stewardship

Janet Long

Offertory Sol Rizzato

Doxology

Jesus, Light of Joy<sup>3</sup>

LAUDA ANIMA

Jesus light of joy surround us; let your splendid glory shine: source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign. Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.

The Reading

Sermon

Matthew 12:38-42

Nathan A. Russell

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

Thanks be to God!

Discipline of Silence

Here's Your Sign

Nathan A. Russell

"Misner walked away from the pulpit, to the rear wall of the church. There he stretched, reaching up until he was able to unhook the cross that hung there. He carried it then, past the empty choir stall, past the organ where Kate sat, the chair where Pulliam was, on to the podium and held it before him for all to see—if only they would... Without this sign, the believer's life was confined to praising God and taking the hits. The praise was credit; the hits were interest due on a debt that could never be paid. Or, as Pulliam put it, no one knew when he had "graduated." But with it, in the religion in which this sign was paramount

-Toni Morrison, Paradise

Hymn of Communion

and foundational, well, life was a whole other matter."

From North and South, from East and West<sup>4</sup>

**ELLACOMBE** 

Invitation to Commune

Nathan A. Russell

Words of Institution

Dan Clark

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 450

God the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian

**HYFRYDOL** 

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Sol Rizzato

And all the people said...

AMEN!



Today's artwork is Black Cross Red Sky (1929) by Georgia O'Keefe.

<sup>1</sup>Mary Louise Bringle, 2000, vv. 1-2, 4, alt; Nathan A. Russell, 2023, v. 3 <sup>3</sup>David Gambrell, 2009

<sup>2</sup>Adan N. L. Tice, 2016 <sup>4</sup>David Gambrell, 2009

## **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sunday, November 12 11:00am: Two or More Scripture Study Group (Gibbens' Room)

6:00pm: YouTube premiere of morning worship

Tuesday, November 14 7:30am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)

5:30pm: Elders' Meeting (Hybrid) 7:00pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Wednesday, November 15 5:00pm: Elder's Budget Subcommittee (Hybrid)

Thursday, November 16 10:00am: 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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