

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

Worship of God

November 19, 2023, 9:30am: Consecration Sunday

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

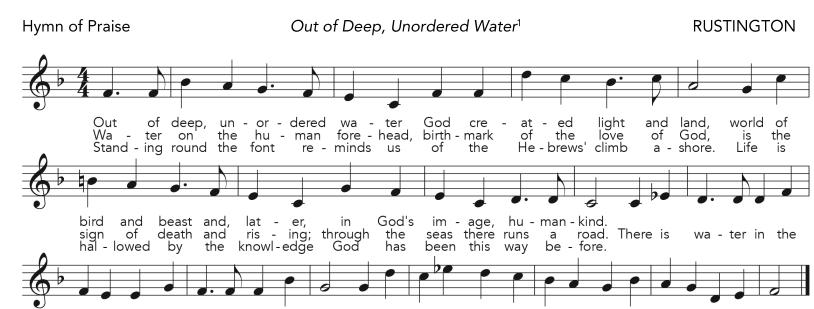
We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude Sol Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"Each of you, a bordered country, Delicate and strangely made proud, Yet thrusting perpetually under siege. Your armed struggles for profit Have left collars of waste upon My shore, currents of debris upon my breast. Yet today I call you to my riverside, If you will study war no more. Come, Clad in peace, and I will sing the songs The Creator gave to me when I and the Tree and the rock were one. Before cynicism was a bloody sear across your Brow and when you yet knew you still Knew nothing. The River sang and sings on."

-Maya Angelou, On the Pulse of Morning



riv-er bring-ing life to tree and plant. Let cre - a-tion praise its giv-er: there is wa-ter in the font.

Hymn of Prayer 566

Invocation

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

Karen Davis

Prayers of the People

God, our savior and guide...

Help our souls be still.

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

Peace Like a River²

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Give us peace like a river, give us peace like a river, give us peace like a river in our soul. Give us peace like a river, give us peace like a river in our soul.

Invitation to Stewardship

Lauri Warfield

Offertory

Sol Rizzato

Doxology

Take, O God, the Gifts We Offer³

OURS THE JOURNEY

Take, O God, the gifts we offer, use them for your reign to bring justice that will flow like fountains, life from your abundant spring. God you are our holy parent, and we sing our thanks to you! Let us see your future dawning: your world made anew!

The Reading

Psalm 46 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon A Church on the River

Nathan A. Russell

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Discipline of Silence

"What I saw might have been just another winter scene, although an impressive one. But what I knew was that the earth underneath was alive and that by tomorrow, certainly by the day after, it would be all green again. So what I saw because of what I knew was a kind of death with the marvelous promise of less than a three-day resurrection."

-Norman Maclean, A River Runs Through It and Other Stories

Hymn of Communion 408

Come, Share the Lord

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Invitation to Commune

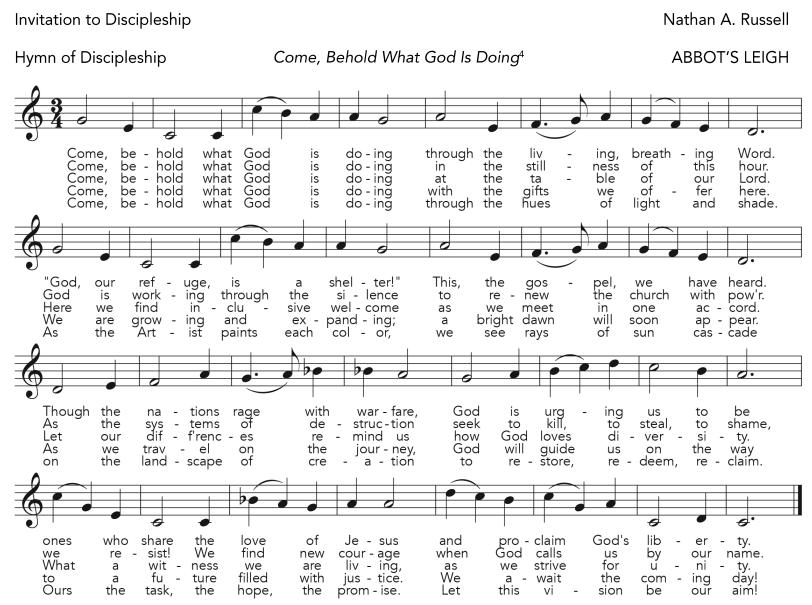
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Prayer at the Table

Nancy Walker

Words of Institution

Nathan A. Russell



Postlude Sol Rizzato

And all the people said... AMEN!

1Lyrics by Fred Kaan, 1965

²African-American spiritual

³Lyrics by Nathan A. Russell, 2021

⁴Lyrics by Nathan A. Russell, 2023

Today's artwork is Megan Rowe's reflection on Psalm 46. She wrote, "Creating artwork to accompany this year's Stewardship theme "Come, behold what God is doing" required me to work on a much deeper, more spiritual level of creativity. I spent many hours in thought, meditation, and soul-searching waiting for direction and image to mesh. It was a challenge to combine scripture and the Stewardship theme into a two dimensional piece of artwork that included some of my own feelings and created a meaningful piece of artwork showing what God is doing. I feel that with each new dawn, God offers us new Hope in the warm, loving rays of morning light which appear to calm the turmoil and offer room for the rebirth of earth. With this Hope, we, as God's people, are also given the choice to use our gifts to create God's vision of the world as God wants it for all people."

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 19 11:00am: Consecration Day Bruncheon (Fellowship Hall)

> YouTube premiere of morning worship 6:00pm:

Tuesday, November 21 7:30am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)

5:00pm: Outreach Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Memorial for Christopher Zechman Saturday, November 25 11:00am:



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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