



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

## Worship of God

November 25, 2023, 9:30am: The Majesty of Christ Sunday

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

Sol Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"To become aware that we have a distorted notion of God is to have made progress on our journey. As the journey continues, we shall discover other distortions of which we were not aware. Such discoveries can be very painful at first, but it is like the pain we feel when our limbs are at last free after being constricted; it is the pain of freedom. The journey to God is a journey of discovery and it is full of surprises."  
—Gerard W. Hughes, *God of Surprises*

Hymn of Praise 22

*All Creatures of our God and King*

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Invocation

Sharon Siffert

Hymn of Prayer 293

*Out of Need and Out of Custom*

GATHERING

Prayers of the People

God of human transformation...  
**For your presence now we pray.**

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 305

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

CHILDREN PRAYING

Invitation to Stewardship

Janet Stevens-Brown

Offertory

Sol Rizzato

Doxology

*Praise to the Living God<sup>1</sup>*

DIADEMATA



Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, be - yond the grasp of  
hu - man mind, but whom we know as Love. In these tu - mul - tuous days, so  
full of hope and strife, may we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

The Reading

2 Kings 24:8, 11-17  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... **Thanks be to God!**

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

“God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs; through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lightning, crash of thunder hush of stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling—can you hear?”

–Mary Louise Bringle, *God Is Calling*

Hymn of Communion

*Coming Together for Wine and for Bread<sup>2</sup>*

BANQUET

Com - ing to - geth - er for wine and for bread, tast - ing the  
 Who will be hun - gry if, hear - ing the call, we of - fer  
 Here at this ta - ble, we're wel - comed by name; all are in -  
 Bless - ing this ta - ble the Spir - it is here grant - ing us

sto - ry and hear - ing it read, know - ing our hun - ger and  
 seats at our ban - quet to all? Who is for - got - ten? Who  
 vi - ted, each seat is the same. Serv - ing, re - ceiv - ing, and  
 vi - sion, so sud - den - ly clear: shar - ing and serv - ing, the

shar - ing the meal o - pens our eyes to see Je - sus is real.  
 will we ig - nore? Who is the out - cast that knocks at our door?  
 eat - ing the feast hum - bles the haugh - ty and hon - ors the least.  
 bod - y is fed, nour - ished by Je - sus, the Wine and the Bread.

Invitation to Commune

Nathan A. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Nathan A. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*From Doorsteps to Earth’s Corners*

WASHINGTON AVENUE

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

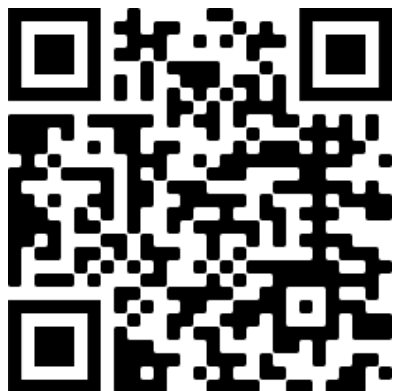
*Trumpet Tune*  
 And all the people said...  
**AMEN!**

Sol Rizzato

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 26      11:00am: Two or More Scripture Discussion Group
- 6:00pm: YouTube premiere of morning worship
- Tuesday, November 28    7:30am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)
- Tuesday, November 28,    9:00am: Worship Committee Work Day
- Tuesday, November 28    4:00pm: Church Life & Growth Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
- Wednesday, November 29 4-6pm:    Calling Hours at Dicken Funeral Home for the family of Benny Greer; a memorial will be held at 6pm.
- Thursday, November 30    6:30pm: Pastoral Relations 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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