



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

Worship of God

August 17, 2025; 9:30am: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

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

Nathan A. Russell

Prelude

If Music Be the Food of Love (Henry Purcell)

Sol M. Rizzato & Val Sibila

Meditation for Preparation

"If a man is convinced that he is safe only as long as he uses his power to give others a sense of insecurity, then the measure of their security is in his hands. If security or insecurity is at the mercy of a single individual or group, then control of behavior becomes routine. All imperialism functions in this way."

—Howard Thurman, *The Luminous Darkness*

Hymn of Praise 683

O for a World

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Invocation

Ron Dauphin

Hymn of Prayer

Blessed Are You!

REESE

Bless-ed are you, the poor ones; God calls the last and least. Bless-ed are you, the
 Ru - in a - waits the wealth-y, who live to serve their greed. Ru - in a - waits the
 Bless-ed are you, the poor ones, for God is poor with you. Bless-ed are you, the
 hun-gry, for God pre - pares your feast. Bless-ed are you who weep now, for
 glut - tons, who take more than they need. Ru - in a - waits the laugh-ers, and
 hun-gry, for God knows hun - ger, too. Bless-ed are you who weep-now, for
 mourn-ing turns to praise. Bless-ed are you who suf - fer. for God will guard your ways.
 tears will fill their eyes. Ru - in a - waits the haugh-ty, who mock their neigh - bors' cries.
 God has shared your grief. Bless-ed are you who suf - fer, for God will bring re - lief.
 The doors of heav'n are o - pen, and glo - ry is shin - ing through-
 re - jice, re-joyce, God is with us, and bless-ed, bless-ed are you.

Prayers of the People

God who pronounces blessings and woes...
Help us to rejoice.

Lill McNeal

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 593

Lead Me, Lord

LEAD ME LORD

Invitation to Stewardship

Ron Dauphin

Offertory

Requiem, III. Pie Jesu (John Rutter)

Sol M. Rizzato & Val Sibila

Doxology

For the Life That You Have Given²

PLEADING SAVIOR

For the life that you have-giv-en, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of
 time and la-bor, with these gifts that are your own: here we of-fer, Lord, our prais-es;
 heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, liv-ing what we pray and sing.

The Reading

Luke 6:17-26

Nathan A. Russell

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

Sermon

When the Power Goes Out

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Do not be silent; there is no limit to the power that may be released through you."

—Howard Thurman, *Deep Is the Hunger*

Hymn of Communion

In These Moments We Remember³

MEDEMA

In these mo-ments we re-mem-ber One who calls us to be friends. One who leads us on the
 We are hun-gry for re-fresh-ment. We are long-ing to be whole. To this mo-ment we are
 We will take this ho-ly ta-ble to the hun-gry ev-ery-where. God's pro-vi-sion has sus-
 jour-ney, till the jour-ney's joy-ful end. Bless-ed Je-sus, guide and teach-er, voice and
 bring-ing starv-ing spir-its, thirst-y souls. As we meet a-round this ta-ble, may God's
 tained us; God's a-bun-dance we will share. Hun-gry hearts and hun-gry bod-ies will be
 face of love di-vine; now we cel-e-brate his pres-ence in this feast of bread and wine.
 feast our spir-its fill. May we find new hope and pur-pose. May we find new strength and will.
 nour-ished and be fed. And we seal this, our com-mit-ment, in this feast of wine and bread.

Invitation to Commune

Lill McNeal

Prayer at the Table

Debbie Walker

Words of Institution

Lill McNeal

Communion Meditation

Dusk (Nkeiru Okoye)

Sol M. Rizzato

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 453

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Into the Night (Clara Edwards)
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Sol M. Rizzato & Val Sibila

Today's artwork is *The Sermon on the Mount* (1973) by JESUS MAFA. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

¹WORDS: Based on Luke 6:20-26, Adam M. L. Tice, 2013; MUSIC: Benjamin Brody, 2015 ²WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987; MUSIC: *Leavitt's Christian Lyre*, 1830/1
³WORDS and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 2009

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 17

- 11:00am: Two Or More: Scripture discussion group {Gibbens Room}
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, August 19

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 3:00-4:30pm: Outreach Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 20

- 5:30-8:00pm: Girl Scout #50163 Meeting in the Music Room



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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