



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

Worship of God

August 24, 2025; 9:30am: The Eleventh 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

Kathy Wainwright and Sol M. Rizzato

Six Studies in English Folksong III. Larghetto (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Meditation for Preparation

"Christ plays in ten thousand places."

—Gerard Manley Hopkins, *As Kingfishers Catch Fire*

Hymn of Praise

*O God Beyond All Praising*¹ (Back cover)

THAXTED

Invocation

Bob Maxwell

Hymn of Prayer 669

O Young and Fearless Prophet

LLANGLOFFAN

Prayers of the People

God of the prophets...
Help us stand with humble courage.

Sue 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 314

Amen

ROBINSON

Invitation to Stewardship

Dan Clark

Offertory

Drei leichte Stücke I. (Paul Hindemith)

Kathy Wainwright & Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology 25 v. 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish they life and re - store thee, fit - ting thee
 well for the tasks that are ev - er be - fore thee. Then to thy need
 God as a moth - er doth speed, spread-ing the wings of grace o'er - thee.

The Reading

John 5:19-24
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Poetry in Motion

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Fellow-graduates: duty bids us go forth into active life. Let us go cheerfully, hopefully, and earnestly, and set ourselves to find our especial part. When we have found it, willingly and faithfully perform it; for every obstacle we overcome, every success we achieve tends to bring [humankind] closer to God and make life more as [God] would have it."

—Anne Sullivan, *Valedictory Address at Perkins School for the Blind*

Hymn of Communion 399

O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

BELMONT

Invitation to Commune

Sue Pray

Prayer at the Table

Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Sue Pray

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Come, Behold What God Is Doing²

ABBOT'S LEIGH



Come, be - hold what God is do - ing through the liv - ing, breath - ing Word.
Come, be - hold what God is do - ing in the still - ness of this hour.
Come, be - hold what God is do - ing at the ta - ble of our Lord.
Come, be - hold what God is do - ing with the gifts we of - fer here.
Come, be - hold what God is do - ing through the hues of light and shade.



"God, our ref - uge, is a shel - ter!" This, the gos - pel, we have heard.
God is work - ing through the si - lence! to re - new the church with pow'r.
Here we find in - clu - sive wel - come as we meet in one ac - cord.
We are grow - ing and ex - pand - ing; a bright dawn will soon ap - pear.
As the Art - ist paints each col - or, we see rays of sun cas - cade



Though the na - tions rage with war - fare, God is urg - ing us to be
As the sys - tems of de - struc - tion seek to kill, to steal, to shame,
Let our dif - f'renc - es re - mind us how God loves di - ver - si - ty.
As we trav - el on the jour - ney, God will guide us on the way
on the land - scape of cre - a - tion to re - store, re - deem, re - claim.



ones who share the love of Je - sus and pro - claim God's lib - er - ty.
we re - sist! We find new cour - age when God calls us by our name.
What a wit - ness we are liv - ing, as we strive for u - ni - ty.
to a fu - ture filled with jus - tice. We a - wait the com - ing day!
Ours the task, the hope, the prom - ise. Let this vi - sion be our aim!

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Adoration (Felix Borowski)
And all the people said...

Kathy Wainwright & Sol M. Rizzato

AMEN!



O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day, and sing the love a -
 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that we who know your
 maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay; for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you
 fa - vor may flou - rish like the spring; and whe - ther our to - mor - rows be filled with good or
 send, at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end: We lift our hearts be -
 ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still: To mar - vel at your
 fore you and wait up - on your Word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Today's artwork is Megan Rowe's reflection on Psalm 46. She wrote, "Creating artwork to accompany the 2024 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."

¹WORDS: Michael Perry, 1982; MUSIC: Gustav Holst, 1921

²WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2023; MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 26

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 27

- 5:00-9:00pm: Dinner at the Pastor's Place



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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