



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

Worship of God

October 11, 2026, 9:30am: Twentieth 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

3 Variations - Sprightly, Trio, Sparkling (Christa Rakich)

Christa Rakich

Meditation for Preparation

"Chronic remorse, as all the moralists are agreed, is a most undesirable sentiment. If you have behaved badly, repent, make what amends you can and address yourself to the task of behaving better next time. On no account brood over your wrongdoing. Rolling in the muck is not the best way of getting clean."

—Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World*

Hymn of Praise 88

All My Hope on God Is Founded

NEANDER

Invocation

Mark Mathes

Hymn of Prayer

Come, Let Us Dwell¹

MORNING STAR

Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff.

Come, let us dwell in the place of great won - der, hous - ing the
Pic - tures give on us walls eyes can be dis - cern or dis - card - ed - ing, liv - ing give us -
pic - tures of God which we own, meet - ing a - gain both their
quires that to our im - lease - ag - es is, trac - ing the growth of new
strength to re - lease what is dead; help us to en - ter your
beau - ty and an - guish, choos - ing the ones where our love feels at home.
in - sights and wis - dom, hold - ing as one the fa - mil - iar and strange.
im - age - less mys - t'ry, danc - ing be - yond where the pic - tures have led.

Prayers of the People

God of all creation...
Help us enter your imageless mystery.

Gerald Western

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 306

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Invitation to Stewardship

Debby Willets

Offertory

Chromatic Variation (Christa Rakich)

Christa Rakich

Doxology

The Name of God Is Wild and Free²

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and dance-like than the hymn above.

The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter - y. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
Al le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Reading

Exodus 32:1-14
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

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Sermon

Real Relationship...

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Discipline of Silence

"All that you touch You Change. All that you Change Changes you. The only lasting truth Is Change. God Is Change."

—Octavia Butler, *Parable of the Sower*

Hymn of Communion 288

O God of Vision

LOBE DEN HERREN

Invitation to Commune

Gerald Western

Prayer at the Table

Debbie Walker

Words of Institution

Gerald Western

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Communion Meditation

Three Meditations (Christa Rakich)

Christa Rakich

Hymn of Discipleship

*Deep in the Shadows of the Past*³

FOREST GREEN

Deep in the shadows of change the past, far out from set - tled lands,
While oth - ers bowed to Pen - te - cost they met a mys - ter - y,
For all the writ - ings that sur - vived, for lead - ers long a - grew,
some no - mads trav - eled with - out their God name: "I - cross the des - ert sands.
in - vis - i - ble, with - out a the past, re - cord - ed WHAT I WILL BE";
while some, re - mem - ber - ing and pre - served the Bi - ble what they we knew,
who sift - ed, cop - ied, and the pre - served the Bi - ble what they we know,
The dawn - ing hope of a hu - man - kind by them was sensed and shown:
and by their tents, a - round their fires, in sto - ry, song, and law,
or with their let - ters and sto - ry la - ments, their proph - e - cy and praise,
give thanks, and find its and yet our prom - ise, strength, and call,
a they prom - ise call - ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.
re - praised, re - mem - bered, hand - ed on a past that prom - ised more.
the cov - ered, kin - dled, and ex - pressed new hope for chang - ing days.
mod - el of e - merg - ing faith, a - live with hope for all.

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

And all the people said...

AMEN!

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

- 10:00am-2:00pm: Office Hours and Labyrinth Open

Sunday, October 11

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

Monday, October 12

- Federal Holiday/Columbus & Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 10/12-10/14: Nathan to Beyond Brite Retreat

Tuesday, October 13

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:00am: Memorial for Karen Andress (Dicken Funeral Home)
- Noon: Luncheon for the family of Karen Andress (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elders' Meeting in the Conference Room (Hybrid)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)



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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