

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

Worship of God

November 8, 2026, 9:30am: Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
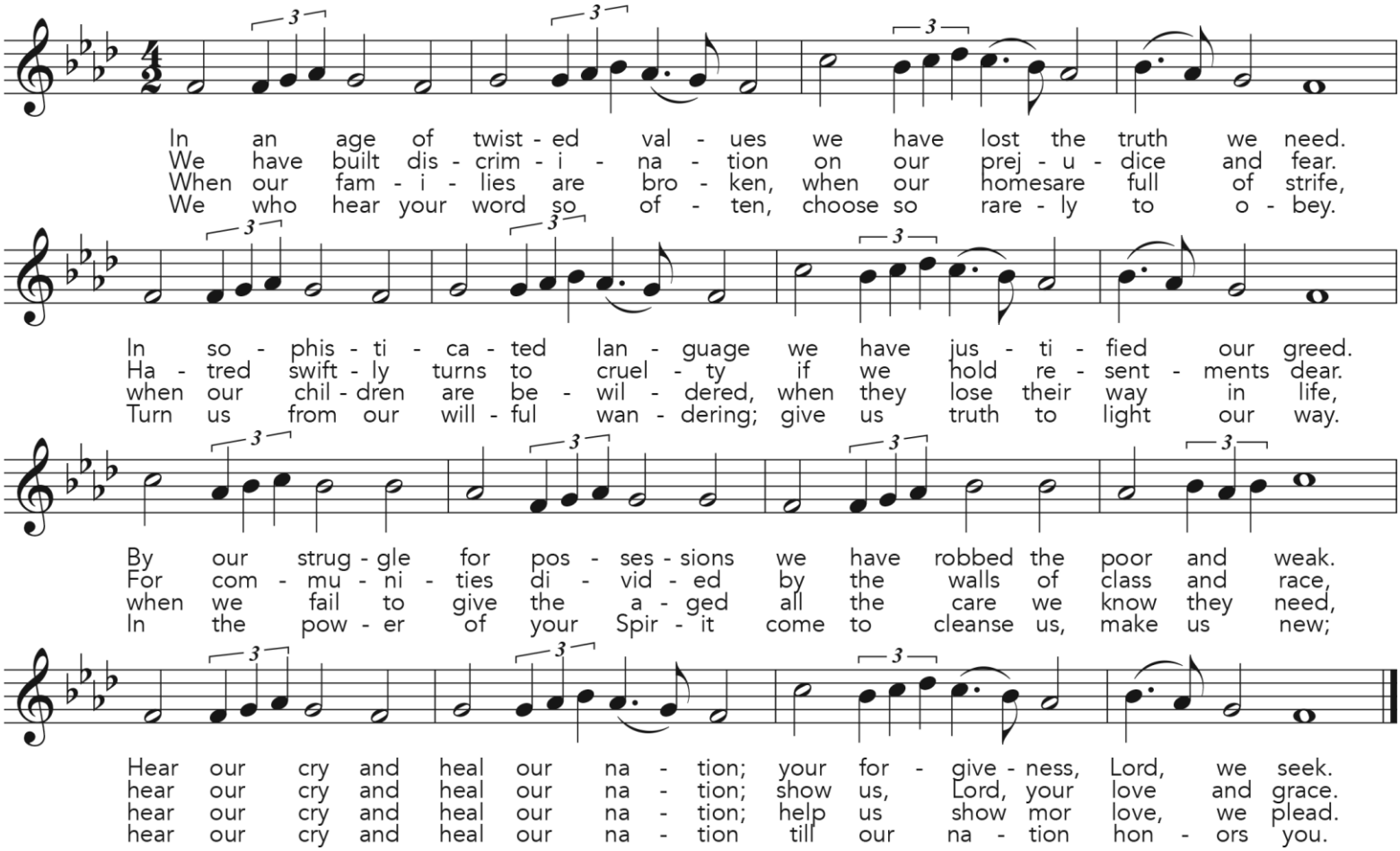
Chiming the Hour		The Atwood Carillon
Greeting	The Spirit of God is with you… **And also with you!**	Nathan A. Russell
Call to Worship	Lift up your hearts… **We lift them to the Lord!**	Nathan A. Russell
Prelude	*Llangloffan* (arr. Aaron David Miller)	Brian Wentzel

Meditation for Preparation

"Some people believe the alternative to bad religion is secularism, but that's wrong… The answer to bad religion is better religion--prophetic rather than partisan, broad and deep instead of narrow, and based on values as opposed to ideology."

–Jim Wallis, *The Great Awakening*

Hymn of Praise	*O God of Every Nation*[1] (Back cover)	NYLAND
Invocation		Kurtis Hoffman
Hymn of Prayer	*In an Age of Twisted Values*[2]	EBENEZER
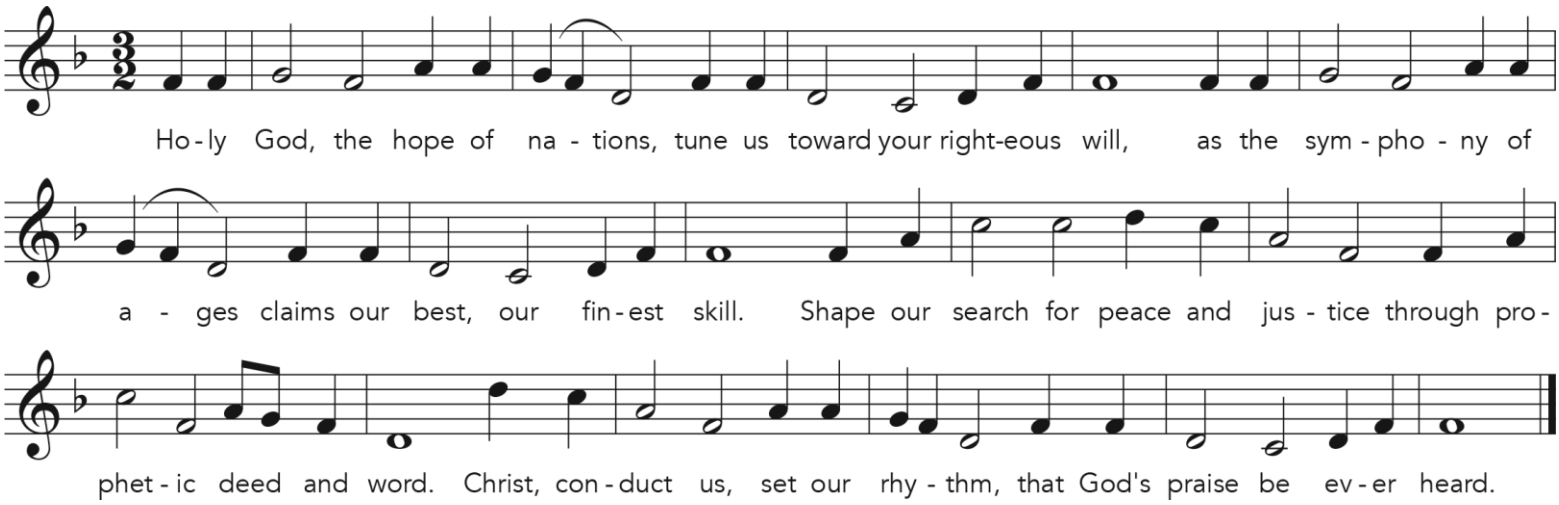


Prayers of the People — God of justice… — Debbie Walker

Hear our cry and heal our nation.

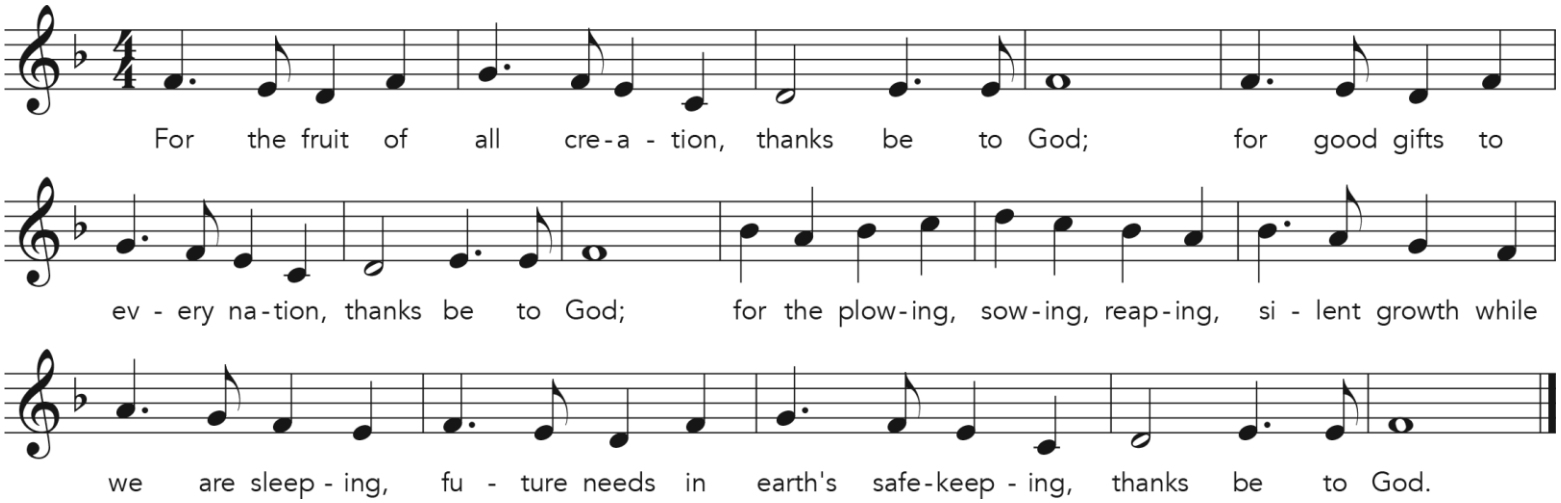
The Lord's Prayer

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 — *Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning*[3] — BEACH SPRING



Invitation to Stewardship		Lauri Warfield
Offertory	*W Zlobie Lezy* (arr. Neil Harmon)	Brian Wentzel
Doxology 714 v. 1	*For the Fruit of All Creation*	AR HYD Y NOS



The Reading	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	Nathan A. Russell

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

Sermon	*A Choice*	Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"May God grant us: the wisdom to see what must be changed; the courage to change what we should never accept; and the serenity found in making a redemptive difference."

–Stacie Floyd-Thomas, *When the Good Life Goes Bad*

Hymn of Communion 330	*Alleluia! Hear God's Story*	W ZLOBIE LEZY
Invitation to Commune		Debbie Walker
Prayer at the Table		Mark Mathes
Words of Institution		Debbie Walker
Communion Meditation	*Variations on Ebenezer* (John Behnke)	Brian Wentzel
Invitation to Discipleship		Nathan A. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 724	*O God of Earth and Altar*	LLANGLOFFAN
Benediction and Charge		Nathan A. Russell
Postlude	*Fugue on Ebenezer* (John Benhke)	Brian Wentzel
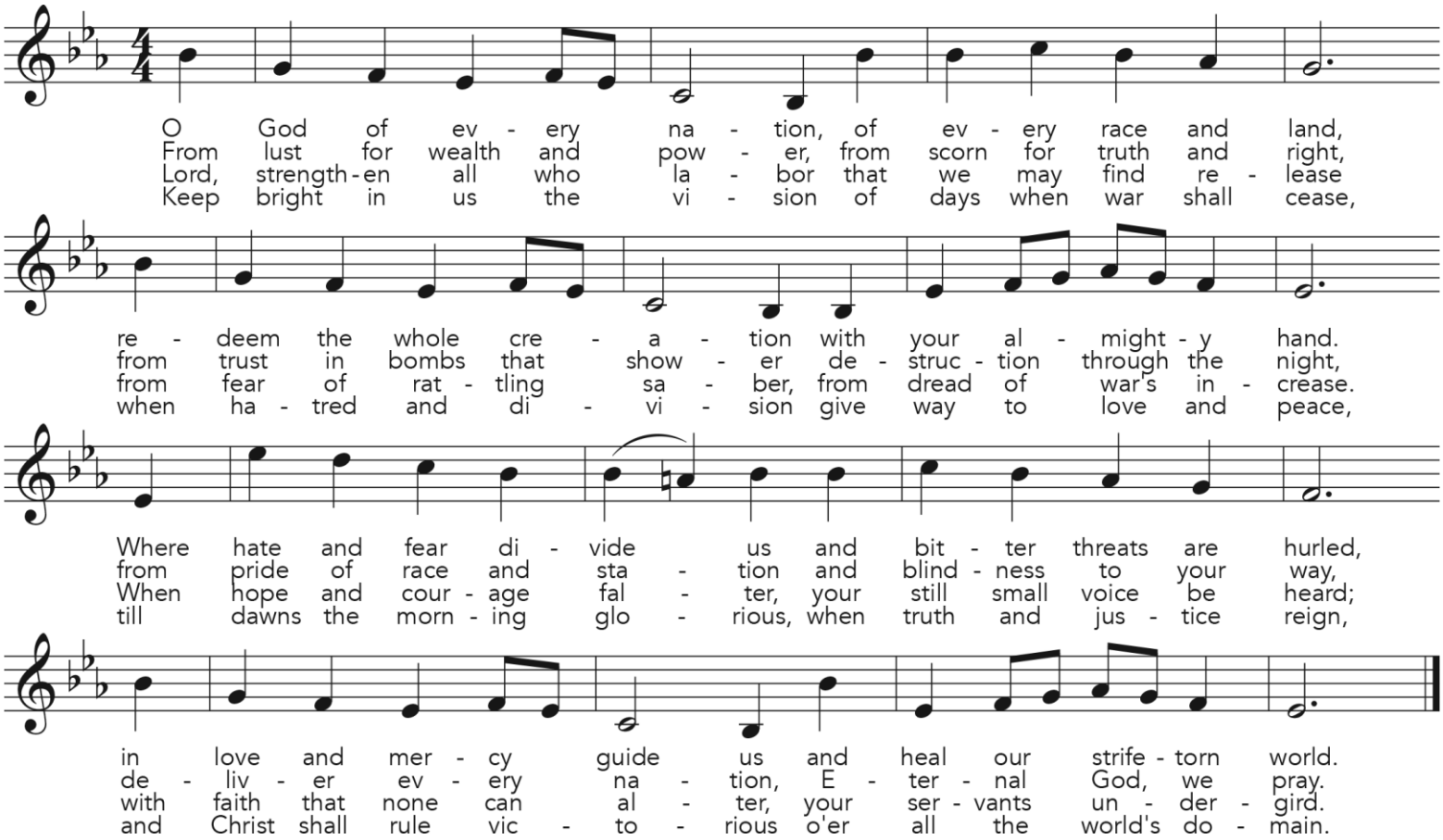
And all the people said…
AMEN!

Today's artwork is *A Choice* by Lauren Wright Pittman | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

[1]WORDS: William R. Ried, 1958, alt.; MUSIC Finnish folk melody

[2]WORDS: Martin E. Leckebusch, 1995; MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

[3]WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1996; MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, November 8

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

Tuesday, November 10

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elders' Meeting in the Conference Room (Hybrid)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Wednesday, November 11

- Federal Holiday/Veterans Day

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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