



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

Worship of God

September 8, 2024; 9:30am: 16th 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!

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Prelude *Andante con Moto (Ludwig Maurer)* Black River Brass Quintet
 James Tinsley, Trumpet; Luke Washburn, Trumpet; Jan Meyers, French Horn;
 Mark Wainwright, Trombone; Jason Smith, Tuba

Meditation for Preparation

"Youth is not a time of life, it's a state of mind. It's not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips, and supple knees, it's force of will, quality of imagination, and vigor of emotions. It's the freshness from the deep springs of life, and the idea that every day is God saying to you, 'May I have this dance?'"

-Rue McLanahan, *My First Five Husbands... And the Ones Who Got Away*

Hymn of Praise 25 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Invocation Ken Oblak

Hymn of Prayer *As Jesus Journeyed With His Friends¹* TALLIS' CANON

As Je - sus jour - neyed with his friends, He broke great walls and barr - iers down. He
 A wo - man drew some wa - ter there, and Je - sus asked her for a drink. They
 Though cul - ture pushed them far a - part, He looked past things that oth - ers saw. He
 O God, when some are cast a - side, when peo - ple here are scorned, op - pressed, We
 showed how far God's love ex - tends at Ja - cob's Well, out - side of town.
 talked of life and truth and prayer, His kind, warm wel - come made her think.
 saw the search - ing in her heart; His love shined great - er than the law.
 see Christ reach - ing, arms stretched wide, To wel - come, trea - sure, heal and bless.

Prayers of the People God of outstretched arms... Mark Mathes
Widen our embrace.

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 73 v. 3 *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

For the love of God is broad - er than the meas - ure of our mind;
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

Invitation to Stewardship Ron Dauphin

Offertory

Maestoso Alla Marcia (Maurer)

Black River Brass Quintet

Doxology 49

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre-a-tor's praise a - rise: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re-deem-er's name be sung through ev-ery land, in ev-ery tongue.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Reading

John 4:27-29; 39-42
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

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Sermon

Astonished by Jesus

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Discipline of Silence

"Instructions for living a life:
Pay attention.
Be astonished.
Tell about it."

—Mary Oliver, *Sometimes*

Hymn of Communion 12

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

ABERYSTWYTH

Invitation to Commune

Mark Mathes

Prayer at the Table

Sue Pray

Words of Institution

Mark Mathes

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

The Water God Gives Us² (Reverse)

FOUNDATION

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Allegro Grazioso (Maurer)
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Black River Brass Quintet

The wa - ter God gives us in won - drous sup - ply Is wa - ter that's
 O God, we con - fess that we seek emp - ty things; We strive af - ter
 Then just like that wo - man who went to the well; We hear you, O
 The gift that you give is the great - est of wealth; You give liv - ing

liv - ing and ne - ver runs dry. For ev - ery - one drinks and is thirs - ty a -
 wealth and the com - fort it brings. We buy things in hopes that our spir - its will
 Christ, and the truth that you tell. You know who we are and you know what we've
 wa - ter! You give us your - self! May we, like that wo - man, go back where we

gain, But yet God's liv - ing wa - ter gives life with - out end.
 soar, yet you still we are thirs - ty and left want - ing more.
 been; You know us and love us in spite of our sin.
 live And tell those we know of the life that you give.

Today's artwork is *Christ and the Samaritan Woman*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57300> [retrieved September 6, 2024]. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/frted/8186047331> - Ted. This mural is installed at HolyTrinity Orthodox Church in Parma, Ohio.

¹WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2017; MUSIC: Thomas Tallis, 1561
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The Chancel Flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Pastor Nathan Russell: "Welcome Home!"

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 8

- 11:00am: Bruncheon for Pastor Nathan's return from Sabbatical in Fellowship Hall
- 2:00-4:00pm: WACC/ECP/Lorain County Historical Society Open House
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Monday September 9

- 3:00-4:00pm: Worship Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)

Tuesday, September 10

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elder's Mtg (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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