



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

## Worship of God

September 22, 2024; 9:30am: 18<sup>th</sup> 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

“Prelude” from *Prelude, Fugue, and Variation, Op. 18* (César Franck)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

“Surveys of hymnody in congregations repeatedly indicate that, while new hymnals and supplements are continually being published, for the most part we sing the same old and familiar hymns. This is problematic in that it causes us to limit our ability to grow biblically, theologically, and liturgically.”

–James Abbington, *Let the Church Sing On!*

Hymn of Praise

*Deep in the Shadows of the Past*<sup>1</sup>

KINGSFOLD

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

Invocation

Jane Hutson

Hymn of Prayer 656

*God of Freedom, God of Justice*

TREDEGAR

Prayers of the People

God of freedom and justice...  
**Open us to each other's need.**

Pam Sheetz

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 676 v. 2

*O God of Love, O Power of Peace*

CANONBURY

Whom shall we trust, O God, but you, where rest but on your word so true? None  
 ev - er called on you in vain- give peace, O God, give peace a - gain.

Invitation to Stewardship

Debby Willets

Offertory

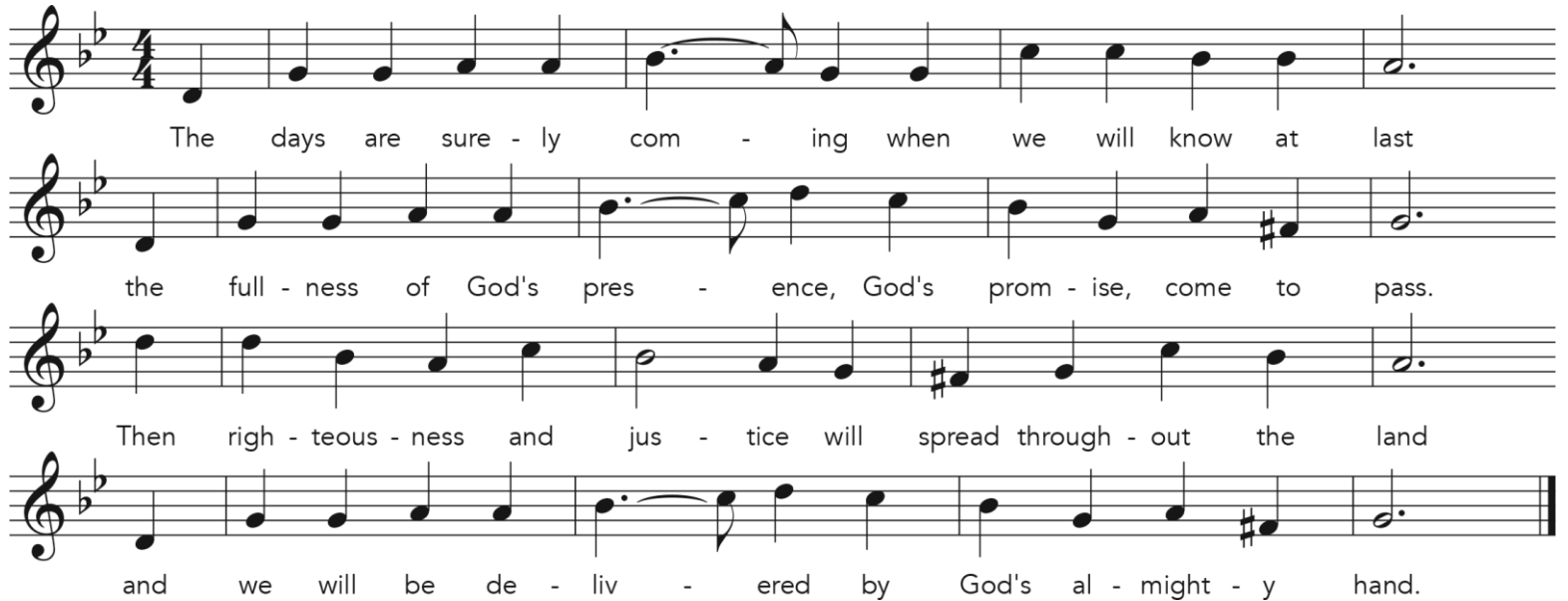
*Communion, Op. 8 (Louis Vierne)*

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

*The Days are Surely Coming<sup>2</sup>*

LLANGLOFFAN



The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last  
the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.  
Then righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land  
and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.

The Reading

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Nathan A. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*Sing a Song*

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Sing a new world into being! Sound a bold and hopeful theme. Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream: dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong. Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song."

—Mary Louise Bringle, *Sing a New World Into Being*

Hymn of Communion 411

*For the Bread, Which You Have Broken*

AGAPE

Invitation to Commune

Pam Sheetz

Prayer at the Table

Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution

Pam Sheetz

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*My Soul Rejoices in the Lord<sup>B</sup> (Reverse)*

ELLACOMBE

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

*A Festive Trumpet Tune (Douglas E. Wagner)*  
And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Sol M. Rizzato



My soul re-joices in the Lord; my God gives strength to me.  
 O God, you turn the world a-round and make things fresh and new.  
 The bur-dens that we long have known by of grace are cast a-way.  
 This song was Han-nah's joy-ful shout of won-der and sur-prise.

I feel my heart with-in me soar at God's great vic-to-ry.  
 The proud and might-y are cast down; the poor find life in you.  
 You lift the poor to sit on thrones and that you bring a just new day.  
 Young Ma-ry, too, would sing it out, that you change peo-ple's lives.

O God, you are the HO-LY ONE! You are the Rock I trust.  
 See! Those who ate till they were stuffed are search-ing now for bread,  
 The ones who grieve what might have been are find-ing ways to be ways.  
 May we re-mem-ber all you do-and and your sur-pris-ing ways.

I sing with joy what you have done-for you've de-liv-ered us.  
 while those who nev-er had e-nough feast at your ta-ble spread.  
 the bless-ing-bear-ers, lov-ing kin, in your com-mu-ni-ty.  
 May acts of love and jus-tice, too, grow from our songs of praise.

Today's artwork is Hannah, prophetess and mother of Samuel, thanking God, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55161>

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<sup>3</sup>WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette © 2018; MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzoglich Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784*

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, September 22

- 11:00am: Two Or More: Scripture discussion (Gibbens Room)
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

### Monday, September 23

- 4:30-6:30pm: Community Gardeners & Creation Care Team Picnic

### Tuesday, September 24

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 4:00-5:00pm: Church Life & Growth Com, Mtg. (Zoom)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Christian Ed. Com. Mtg. (Zoom)



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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