



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

Worship of God

September 29, 2024; 9:30am: 19th 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

Rubrics: Silence May Be Kept (Dan Locklair)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"Most people don't grow up. It's too damn difficult. What happens is most people get older. That's the truth of it. They honor their credit cards, they find parking spaces, they marry, they have the nerve to have children, but they don't grow up. Not really. They get older. But to grow up costs the earth, the earth. It means you take responsibility for the time you take up, for the space you occupy. It's serious business. And you find out what it costs us to love and to lose, to dare and to fail. And maybe even more, to succeed. What it costs, in truth."

—Maya Angelou, *The Art of Fiction*

Hymn of Praise

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing¹

WEISSE FLAGGEN

Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share:
 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;
 by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
 light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
 may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.
 Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
 Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
 Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;
 may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
 im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful se - vants to God's call.
 awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry our de - light!

Invocation

Kimberly Wilhelm

Hymn of Prayer 686

Of Women, and of Women's Hopes We Sing

SURSUM CORDA

Prayers of the People

God of Prophecy, Magnificat, and Dream...
Guide us to seek justice and pursue peace.

Debby Willets

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 83 v. 3

Mothering Spirit, Nurturing One

JULIAN

Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of pa - tience hold us close, so that in faith we
 root and grow un - til we flow'r, un - til we know; un - til we flow'r un - til we know.

Invitation to Stewardship

Mark Mathes

Offertory

Concerto in A Minor, BWV 593: II Adagio (Bach after Vivaldi)

Sol M. Rizzato



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 - mighty - y hand.

The Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-21, 26
 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Growing Up in the Face of God

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"When a child first catches adults out -- when it first walks into his grave little head that adults do not always have divine intelligence, that their judgments are not always wise, their thinking true, their sentences just -- his world falls into panic desolation. The gods are fallen and all safety gone. And there is one sure thing about the fall of gods: they do not fall a little; they crash and shatter or sink deeply into green muck. It is a tedious job to build them up again; they never quite shine. And the child's world is never quite whole again. It is an aching kind of growing."

–John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*

Hymn of Communion 417

We Place upon Your Table, Lord

WINCHESTER NEW

Invitation to Commune

Debby Willets

Prayer at the Table

Mark Mathes

Words of Institution

Debby Willets

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

The Living Word of Scripture³ (Reverse)

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Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Toccata Brevis (Daniel E. Gawthrop)
 And all the people said...

Sol M. Rizzato

AMEN!



The liv - ing word of scrip - ture pro - vides the guide and source
 A prop - et on the moun - tain, a child with - in the womb,
 De - liv - 'rance in the des - ert, a pil - lar's guid - ing ray,
 Our sib - lings and our kin - dred, true saints of ev - ery age
 for saints in search of wis - dom and light to chart their course.
 a youth in ear - nest search - ing, the wom - en at the tomb;
 the grove's re - stor - ing vi - sion, pro - phet - ic pow'r to - day;
 who share with us their sto - ry, speak out from ev - ery page.
 The stran - gers and the pil - grims who owned the cause sub - lime
 how glo - ri - ous a com - pa - ny reach out their hands to ours;
 in all the gen - er - a - tions of his - t'ry's broad ex - pane,
 That sto - ry is not end - ed, for still God's voice is heard
 have glimpsed the rev - e - la - tion, and an - swered in their time.
 their faith a vi - brant wit - ness to God's re - deem - ing powers.
 the word has proved suf - fi - cent for ev - ery cir - cum - stance.
 through all who bear the call - ing to be the liv - ing word.

Today's artwork is *Hannah brings Samuel to Eli* by Anton Robert Leinweber from *Hulberts Story of the Bible* published by The John Winston Company, 1932.

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³WORDS: Geoffrey F. Spencer, 1927–2005; MUSIC: Finnish folk melody; adapt.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 29

- 11:00am: Church Life & Growth Campfire Roast
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, October 1

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:00am: Funeral service for Don Hange, Sr.
- 5:30-6:30pm: Stewardship Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 2

- 10:00-12:00pm: Just Values Planning Team (Hybrid)

Thursday, October 3

- 10:00-11:00am: All-Church Social Hour (Zoom)

Friday, October 4

- 9:00-12:00pm: Church Women United Meeting

Saturday, October 5

- 3:00-5:00pm: TRANScending Recital in the Sanctuary & Reception



We are thrilled that you are worshipping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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