

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... Nathan A. Russell

And also with you!

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Nathan A. Russell

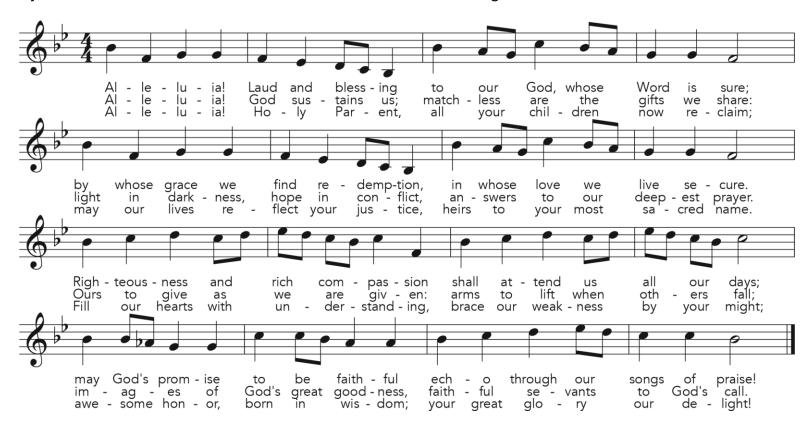
We lift them to the Lord!

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



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

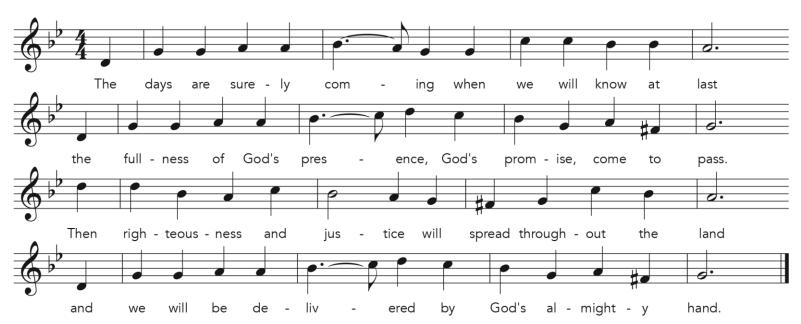
Mothering Spirit, Nurturing One

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Invitation to Stewardship

Mark Mathes



The Reading

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

Nathan A. Russell

Thanks be to God!

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

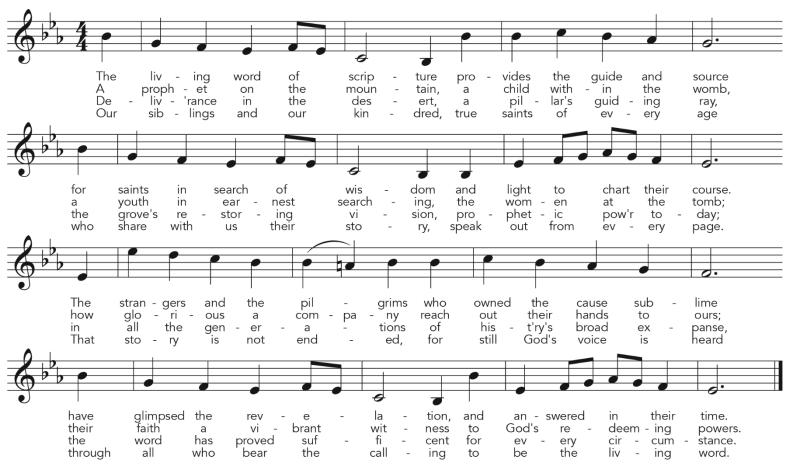
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Postlude

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

Sol M. Rizzato

AMEN!



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.

¹WORDS: Michael Morgan, 2011 © 2011 Michael Morgan; MUSIC: Tochter Sion, 1741

²WORDS: David Gambrell, 2009, © 2011 David Gambrell; MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*.

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 worshiping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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