



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

## Worship of God

October 13, 2024; 9:30am: 21<sup>st</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!**

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Prelude

*Miroir (Ad Wammes)*

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"This fig tree incident is not one of my favorite Gospel stories. I am not a fan of ecological degradation, of cursing trees, let alone of killing them... But I am intrigued by it."

—Amy-Jill Levine, *The Gospel of Mark*

Hymn of Praise

*O Great and Sovereign God<sup>1</sup>*

LEONI

O Great and Sov - 'reign God, we come to praise your name,  
 God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn,  
 Who dares to throw the stone great; it sum - mons us to er's sin,  
 The task of grace is great; to damn an - oth - er's to life!

yet we are bur - dened from the loads of guilt and shame.  
 How can we rise - and start a - new, our trust re - born?  
 when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?  
 Grace moves with jus - tice, mer - cy, truth to end all strife.

Will you for - giv - ing be? Will you show li - ber - ty?  
 When hu - man - lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is - gone,  
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live,  
 A - maz - ing in its work; as - tound - ing in its goal.

Send forth love com - pas - sion, kind - ness, love that sets us free.  
 your love gives strength be - yond our own sin, to face the dawn.  
 As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for give.  
 Grace is the balm that heals our world and makes us for - give.  
 whole.

Invocation

Marty Rowe

Hymn of Prayer 693

*Touch the Earth Lightly*

TENDERNESS

Prayers of the People

God of all living and loving...  
**Teach, deflect, and reconnect us.**

Sue Pray

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 313

*Amen (Sung Twice)*

STAINER

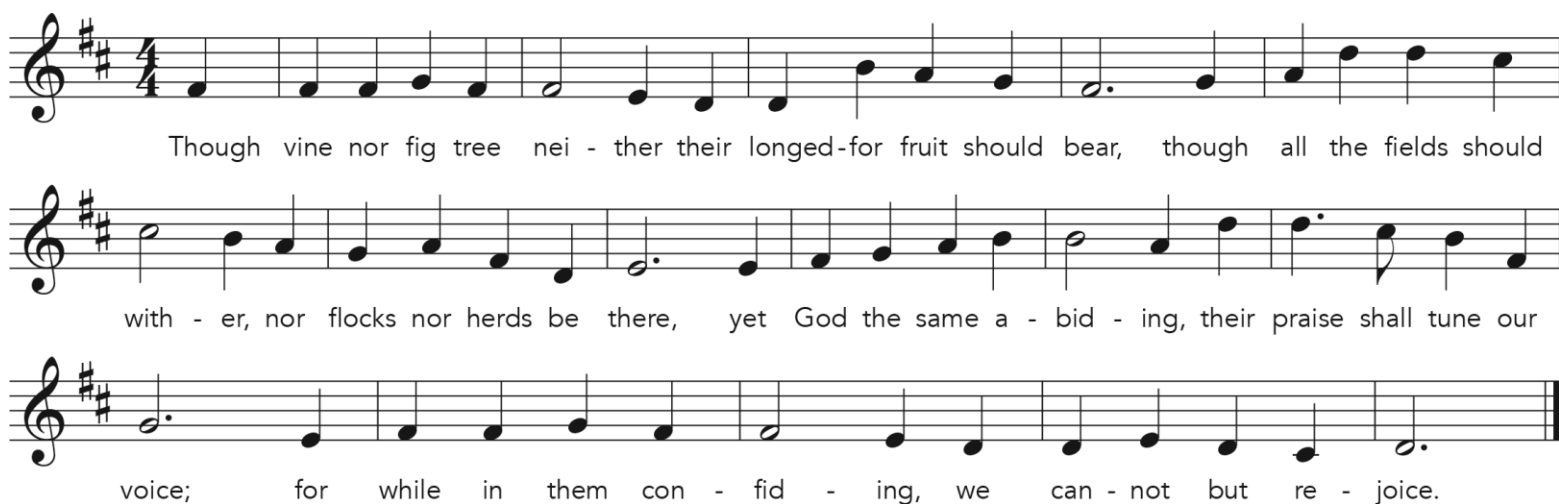
Invitation to Stewardship

Kimberly Wilhelm

Offertory

*Allegro (Maggie Johns)*

Sol M. Rizzato



Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed-for fruit should bear, though all the fields should  
with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there, yet God the same a - bid - ing, their praise shall tune our  
voice; for while in them con - fid - ing, we can - not but re - joice.

The Reading

Mark 11:12-14, 20-25  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God!**

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Sermon

*Go Figure*

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Discipline of Silence

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits."

-Proverbs 18:21

Hymn of Communion 410

*Now We Come Before God's Presence*

ST. PAUL'S

Invitation to Commune

Sue Pray

Prayer at the Table

Debby Willets

Words of Institution

Sue Pray

Invitation to Discipleship

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Hymn of Discipleship

*The Owner of a Vineyard<sup>3</sup> (Reverse)*

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Benediction and Charge

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Postlude

*Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor (BWV 565) (J.S. Bach)*

Sol M. Rizzato

And all the people said...

**AMEN!**

The owner of a vineyard grows fig trees in their field.  
 The patient, will - ing gar - d'ner says, "For an - oth - er year tree  
 The whole earth is God's vine - yeard; and we the vine and tree  
 Great God, we hear your warn - ing; "My judg - ment hour draws near!"

In hope and pleas - ure and wait - ing for good fruit they will yield.  
 I'll nur - ture it and tend it, per - haps it yet will bear.  
 from which a gen - 'rous for - give us - God waits and hopes to see.  
 but dai - ly you for - give us - we sing, and have no fear.

"But this tree, three years bar - ren," they say, "I will cut down.  
 If then its emp - ty branch - es still give no use - ful fruit,  
 Christ is the lov - ing to gar - d'ner who longs to save each one,  
 Lord, bring us now to fol - low your light, your truth, your way,

This use - less tree is wast - ing the rich - ness of my ground.  
 for cause you shall de - stroy it, both branch and trunk and soon root.  
 but we, if un - re - pent - ant, will find our years soon gone.  
 that you may fund is wor - thy when comes your judg - ment day.

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 13

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

Monday, October 14 - Church Office (Federal holiday)

Tuesday, October 15

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 3:00-4:30pm: Outreach Committee Mtg. (Zoom)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elders Committee Mtg, (Hybrid)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Wednesday, October 16

- 7:00-8:00pm: Issue #1 Information Night – Ken Oblak

Thursday, October 17

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



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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