



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

Worship of God

November 17, 2024; 9:30am: 26th 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

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation
"Oh, for goodness' sake."

–Sharon Siffert

Hymn of Praise 284

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

Invocation

Lauri Warfield

Hymn of Prayer

Speak, O Lord¹

SPEAK O LORD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your ho - ly Word.
 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
 faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, any by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

Prayers of the People

Still-Speaking God...

Don Hange, Jr.

Help us stand on your promises.

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

Into Our Lives Weighed Down²

BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

In-to lives weighed down by sor - row let your Spir - it gent - ly flow; may the bruised and bro - ken -
 heart - ed, res - ur - rec - tion sure - ly know. And so, re - newed in spir - it, with
 new-born hearts a - flame, let this wait - ing con - gre - ga - tion rise up and praise your name.

Invitation to Stewardship

Lauri Warfield

Offertory

Softly and Tenderly

Nathan A. Russell

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Come, Ye Thankful People Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR



These to thee, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow; and for these our souls shall raise



grate-ful vows and sol-emn praise. Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of



har-vest home; come to God's own tem-ple come, raise the song of har-vest home

The Reading

Luke 7:11-23

Nathan A. Russell

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

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

God Visits the People

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"[M]ost of us have figured out that we have to do what's in front of us and keep doing it. We clean up beaches after oil spills. We rebuild whole towns after hurricanes and tornadoes. We return calls and library books. We get people water. Some of us even pray. Every time we choose the good action or response, the decent, the valuable, it builds, incrementally, to renewal, resurrection, the place of newness, freedom, justice. The equation is: life, death, resurrection, hope. The horror is real, and so you make casseroles for your neighbor, organize an overseas clothing drive, and do your laundry. You can also offer to do other people's laundry if they have recently had any random babies or surgeries."

—Anne Lamott, *Stitches*

Hymn of Communion 487

Help Us Accept Each Other

ACCEPTANCE

Invitation to Commune

Don Hange, Jr.

Prayer at the Table

Debby Willets

Words of Institution

Don Hange, Jr.

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*Mighty God Who Called Creation*³

WEISSE FLAGGEN

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Sol M. Rizzato

And all the people said...

AMEN!

Might - y God who called cre - a - tion from the un - formed womb of space,
 As we wor - ship, may your Spir - it breathe through us the pow'r of prayer,
 Root - ed in the love of Je - sus, nour - ished by his flesh and blood,
 Keep us faith - ful, joy - ful, lov - ing, filled with hope through grief and pain,

new - born worlds of gleam - ing glo - ry, fresh with hope and ripe with grace:
 words of life for dai - ly liv - ing, strength to do and faith to dare.
 may we prove a fruit - ful vine - yard joined in mut - ual serv - ant - hood.
 know - ing that the One who made us has re - deemed and will sus - tain:

speak a - gain with power and prom - ise when the storms of fear in - crease;
 Come, en - flame us, Ho - ly Spir - it, like the church at Pen - te - cost;
 Work through us, O ris - en Sav - ior, to reap peace from fields of strife;
 Tri - une God, of bound - less glo - ry, yet in hu - man form made known,

to our cha - os and con - fu - sion let your light and truth bring peace.
 help us bear the light of bless - ing to the least, the last, the lost.
 bring our bar - ren wastes to blos - som; lead us out of death to life.
 raise us up to be a peo - ple called by love to be your own.

Today's artwork is the *Widow of Nain* by Corinne Collymore Peters.
 1WORDS and MUSIC: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
 2WORDS: Geoffrey F. Spencer; MUSIC: Swedish melody
 3WORDS: Carl P. Daw; MUSIC: *Tochter Zion*

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of Sharon Siffert by Chad Vickers.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 17

- 11:00am: Reception in Memory of Sharon Siffert
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, November 19

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 3:00-4:30pm: Outreach Committee Mtg. (Zoom)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Christian Ed Committee 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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