



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

## Worship of God

November 24, 2024; 9:30am: Reign of Christ and Consecration Day

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

*ELLACOMBE (Albert L. Travis)*

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"Perhaps because our culture and politics have gone so off course, with values so contrary to those of Jesus, more and more people intuitively recognize that his vision of God's kingdom—a new world of compassion, justice, integrity and peace—is the Good News they've been searching and waiting for."

—Tony Campolo, *Red Letter Christians*

Hymn of Praise

O God, We Gather in this Place<sup>1</sup>

ELLACOMBE



O God, we gath - er in this place to make a joy - ful sound;  
 O God, we strive to do your will as fol - l'wers of the way;  
 O God, we long for your sha - lom that brings a last - ing peace.  
 O God, help us to pledge our all with new re - solve to - day.



as in - stru - ments and voic - es blend, we sing of truth pro - found.  
 but doubt takes hold of heart and mind, and from your path we stray.  
 We hear the an - cient proph - ets' cry: "The bound shall have re - lease!"  
 Give us the faith to per - se - vere through strug - gle and de - lay.



You meet us here and where we roam through heights and depths of earth.  
 Your grace still finds us where we are, yet does not leave us there;  
 Through acts of jus - tice we pur - sue an end to war and strife;  
 Your won - drous bless - ings o - ver - flow the bound - 'ries we have drawn;



You guide us to the reign of Christ and prom - ise us new birth.  
 but lifts us up to try a - gain to trust your love and care.  
 we la - bor for a fu - ture where all share a - bun - dant life.  
 we of - fer back our grat - i - tude at ev - ery break of dawn.

Invocation

Bob Maxwell

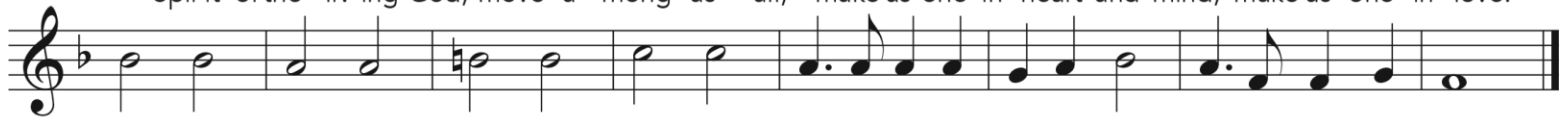
Hymn of Prayer Number

Spirit of the Living God<sup>2</sup>

IVERSON



Spirit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on us. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on us.  
 Spirit of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:



Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on us.  
 hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love!

Prayers of the People

Nancy Walker

Spirit of the Living God...  
**Move among us all.**

Sung Response 310

The Lord's Prayer

HAAS

Invitation to Stewardship

Ron Dauphin

Offertory


Organ Symphony No. 1, Op. 14–V. Andante (Louis Vierne)

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

*Take, O God, the Gifts We Offer*<sup>3</sup>

OURS THE JOURNEY



Take, O God, the gifts we of - fer, use them for your reign to bring jus - tice that will  
flow like foun - tains, life from your a - bun - dant spring. God, you are our ho - ly par - ent,  
and we sing our thanks to you! Let us see your fu - ture dawn - ing: your world made a - new!

The Reading

Psalm 47

Nathan A. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*Let's Go Up with a Shout!*

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Jesus establishes clearly that the greedy accumulation of things is an attempt by persons to evade dependency on God. The one who greedily hoards possessions in order to establish security for the future lacks the faith that Jesus expects of those who follow Him. Our security, according to Jesus, is in our relationship to God in whose hands lies our future."

—Tony Campolo

Hymn of Communion 381

*Take My Gifts*

TALAVERA TERRACE

Invitation to Commune

Nancy Walker

Prayer at the Table

Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Nancy Walker

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*Called and Gifted for Christ's Service*<sup>4</sup>

HYMN TO JOY

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

*Organ Symphony No. 1, Op. 14– VI. Final (Louis Vierne)*

Sol M. Rizzato

And all the people said...

**AMEN!**



Called and gift - ed for Christ's ser - vice, set a - part by God's de - sign  
 Called to tell God's cease - less sto - ry writ - ten on the hal - lowed page,  
 Called to share the signs of heav - en: oil and wa - ter, wine and bread -  
 Called and claimed by word and sym - bol, passed through his - t'ry, hand in hand,  
 to pro - claim in word and wit - ness love - dis - rup - tive and di - vine.  
 an - cient truths of love and jus - tice new - ly grasped in ev - 'ry age.  
 gifts of God's own self that keep us sealed and sa - ted, washed and fed.  
 now re - ceive the Spir - it's mys - t'ry: gift both prom - ise and de - mand.  
 Not to stand in pride - ful priv - 'lege, or to sit in judg - ment's seat;  
 Words pro - claim - ing Christ a - mong us, Word made flesh, sal - va - tion's theme,  
 Com - mon things and com - mon peo - ple here trans - fig - ured by God's grace,  
 Yoked to Christ and one an - oth - er, kneel be - fore the Source of all.  
 but to kneel in sim - ple kind - ness hum - bly wash - ing neigh - bor's feet.  
 words cre - a - ting worlds of won - der where we live and move and dream.  
 shaped in - to the Christ we wor - ship, formed as one in love's em - brace.  
 Let us stand in ad - o - ra - tion; let us go and live our call.

Today's artwork is by Megan Rowe and was created for this year's Consecration Day.

<sup>1</sup>Words: Nathan A. Russell, 2024; Music: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784

<sup>2</sup>Words and Music: Daniel Iverson, 1929; v2. Michael Baughen, 1982

<sup>3</sup>Words: Nathan A. Russell, 2021; Music Julian B. Rush, 1979

<sup>4</sup>Words: David Bjorlin, 2020; Music: Beethoven, 1824

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 24

- 11:00am: Consecration Sunday Event
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Monday, November 25

- 10:00am: Set up Christmas Trees

Tuesday, November 26

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:30-1:00pm: Church Life & Growth 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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