



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

Worship of God

April 21, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.: Easter Sunday

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Tom Day

Greeting

Rev. Nathan Russell

The Lord is with you. **And with you also.**

We pass the friendship register as a way of welcoming one another to this time of sacred worship.

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

Lift up your hearts...
We lift them to the Lord.

Prelude

Mr. Day

*Doxology 50

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Children age three through fifth grade depart for Children: Worship & Wonder following the Doxology.

Anthem

Hallelujah, Praise His Name

Chancel Choir

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Idle Chatter

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"When I think about the resurrection now, I don't only think about what happened to Jesus. I think about what happened to his disciples. Something happened to them, too. They went into hiding after the crucifixion but after the resurrection appearances, they walked back out into the world. They became braver and stronger; they visited strangers, and healed the sick. As Nicholas Peter Harvey has pointed out in *Death's Gift*, it was not only what they saw when they saw Jesus, or how they saw it, but what was set free in them."

--Nora Gallagher, *Practicing Resurrection*

Hymn of Communion 403

In Remembrance of Me

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Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Mr. Brad Thimke

The Words of Institution

Ms. Chris Baumgartner

The fish is a symbol of the fellowship of Christian believers. Partake of the bread individually, symbolic of our redemption by God through Christ. The cup is received in unison with the prayer that we will forgive others as we have been forgiven by God.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Russell and Congregation

Gratefully, O God, we have remembered Jesus Christ, who died our death and who was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. Take our lives, Creator God, and transform them into living testimonies of your Word-made-flesh. As we participate in the work You are doing from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth, may the world trust that You are reconciling the whole wide world in and through gifts of grain and grape. AMEN.

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

*Hymn of Discipleship

O God, in Raising Jesus

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O God, in raising Jesus that Resurrection Day,
You showed us you are with us and will not go away.
You give us bright tomorrows and free us from our sin;
You're with us in our sorrows and show us love will win.

You give us hope of heaven and life to live in you.
The promise you have given is wonderful and true!
Yet resurrection glory is more than hope you give.
For this amazing story can change the way we live.

Through Jesus' resurrection, we find our courage grow
To risk and serve your kingdom, to go where some won't go.
Through Jesus' resurrection, we find we're called to be
A new and hopeful people who help set others free.

So send us to the places where troubles still abound,
Where people face injustice, where grief and pain are found.
We pray we'll go with courage for we have peace to share;
Now help us live your message of new life everywhere.

Affirmation of Responses

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

And all the people said...

Mr. Day

AMEN!

We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

*The people may rise in body and spirit as able.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon., 4/22: 8:30 a.m. - LorCoRTA meeting
Wed., 4/24: 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal
Fri., 4/26: Clean-up at Camp Christian (ends 4/28)

Today's image is *Women Arriving at the Tomb* (He Qi) www.heqiart.com

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