



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

## Worship of God

April 28, 2019 - 10:45 a.m.: Second Sunday of Easter

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

Meditation of Preparation

"Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood there, wondering, fearing, doubting,  
dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before."

--Edgar Allan Poe, *The Raven*

\*Hymn of Praise 231

*Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us*

HOLY MANNA

\*Invocation

Mr. Don Hange, Jr.

\*Gloria Patri 21

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

LLANFAIR

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia! "Glory be to God on high!" Alleluia!  
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia! Night and stars in God rejoice, Alleluia!

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Psalm 150

Mr. Hange, Jr.

For the Word of God we encounter through the words of scripture...

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Prayer 638

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

Prayers of the People

In our end and our beginning, O God...

**Help us trust what you alone can see.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

Congregational Response 317

*Amen*

AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Mr. Hange, Jr.

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.

Offertory

Mr. Day

\*Doxology 50

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*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

The Children's Moment

Debbie Walker

Children age three through fifth grade depart for Children: Worship & Wonder afterwards.

Anthem

*Awaken Me to Pray*

Chancel Choir

The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Raised to Do Cool Stuff

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"In the end, it's not Thomas's 'doubting' or demanding that matters; it's his believing.

Everybody doubts; not everyone believes. Be a believing Thomas; push as hard as you need to until you are awestruck and moved to proclaim with him: 'My Lord and my God!'"

--Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles, *Commentary on John 20:19-31*

Hymn of Communion 417 *We Place upon Your Table, Lord*

WINCHESTER NEW

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Mr. Gerald Western

The Words of Institution

Mr. Mark Mathes

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

**We are grateful, O God, that our doubts and fears do not disqualify us from your invitation to this table. Though we have not touched your hands and sides, we have tasted symbols that remind us of your body and blood, and we have heard and received your blessing of peace. Sustained by the gift of your spirit, let us go rejoicing from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth to be part of your reconciling and transforming work. AMEN.**

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

