



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

Worship of God

March 29, 2020: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Meditation for Preparation

"There is always an enormous temptation in all of life to diddle around making itsy-bitsy friends and meals and journeys for itsy-bitsy years on end. It is so self-conscious, so apparently moral, simply to step aside from the gaps where the creeks and winds pour down, saying, I never merited this grace, quite rightly, and then to sulk along the rest of your days on the edge of rage.

I won't have it. The world is wilder than that in all directions, more dangerous and bitter, more extravagant and bright. We are making hay when we should be making whoopee; we are raising tomatoes when we should be raising Cain, or Lazarus."

--Annie Dillard, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*

Hymn of Praise

When We Face an Unknown Future[†]

HYFRYDOL

Invocation

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Prayer 503

O Christ, the Healer

ROCKINGHAM

Prayer of Confession

All

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin.

Prayers of the People

O Christ, the Healer,...

Release through us your healing truth.

The Lord's Prayer

All

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 312

Amen

AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts		Rev. Russell
	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.	
Offertory	<i>Joy of My Desire</i>	Mr. Collins
Doxology		ST. BRENDAN'S
	All praise to the Sovereign, from whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. This our hymn of thanksgiving, let us sing once again This our hymn of thanksgiving, let us sing: Amen!	
The Reading	John 11:1-45	Rev. Russell
	For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Glory Revealed	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence		
	"Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time; Footprints, that perhaps another, Sailing o'er life's solemn main, A forlorn and shipwrecked brother, Seeing, shall take heart again. Let us, then, be up and doing, With a heart for any fate; Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait."	
	--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, <i>A Psalm of Life</i>	
Hymn of Communion 422		LINSTEAD
	<i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer		Rev. Russell

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 464

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

You Are My Hiding Place
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Collins

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

Today's image is *Jesus raises Lazarus to life*. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings were selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

†Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Videos of Wednesday evening Lenten Vespers services may be viewed online at: www.waccelyria.org/online)

