



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

Worship of God

April 12, 2020: Easter

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Prelude

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"The resurrection is God's definitive triumph over crucifying evil power. Power that denigrates human bodies and destroys life is revealed as actually illusory and certainly no match for God. The resurrection shows that evil has no stable existence. In the end, the one that was crucified was restored to life. Thus, a mockery was made of prevailing political and religious forces. In the end, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus witness to a force that restores justice to the universe. It is a force that repudiates and virtually makes a joke of the crucifying powers in the world. For on the cross, God plays with power. Just when power seemingly prevails, its defeat is at hand. The resurrection of Jesus is God's last laugh."

--Kelly Brown Douglas, *Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the Reversal of Power*

Hymn of Praise 216

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Invocation

Ms. Liz Baumgartner

Hymn of Prayer 230

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET

Prayers of the People

God of resurrection...
Call us back to life again.

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 317

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>Awesome God</i>	Mr. Collins
Doxology		MARION
	Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore. Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.	
The Reading	Matthew 28:1-10 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	Rev. Russell
Sermon	Fear and Great Joy	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence		
	“‘Where two or three are gathered in my name,’ declared Jesus, ‘there I am in the midst of them.’ Whenever baptismal waters cover a sincere believer who emerges to the risen life, the risen Lord is present. Whenever preaching faithfully proclaims the word, the living Word is there. Whenever prayer rises from a trusting heart, the Hearer of prayer is at hand. Whenever a devoted offering is made to God, the true Offering of God is present. Whenever the bread is broken in faith, the living Bread, come down from heaven, is there.” --G. Edwin Osborn, 20 th -century Disciples Scholar	
Hymn of Communion 222	<i>Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!</i>	W ZLOBIE LEZY
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer		Ms. Nancy Walker
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship	<i>This Easter Celebration</i> [†]	AURELIA
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Mr. Collins

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

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†Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

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online at: www.waccelyria.org/online

