



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

## Worship of God

April 19, 2020, 9:30 a.m.: The Second Sunday of 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

*Moments Musicaux, Op. 94*

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"We spend so much time in the church 'believing' in the resurrection or 'not believing' (six impossible things before breakfast) that we may lose the point. What if the resurrection is not about the appearances of Jesus alone but also about what those appearances pointed to, what they asked? And it is finally what we do with them that matters--make them into superstitions or use them as stepping stones to new life. We have to practice resurrection."

--Nora Gallagher, *Practicing Resurrection*

Hymn of Praise

*Come and Join the Celebration<sup>†</sup>*

NETTLETON

Invocation

Ms. Marcia Widman

Hymn of Prayer 530

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Prayers of the People

God of resurrection...  
**Give us peace like a river.**

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 305

CHILDREN PRAYING

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

*Be Thou My Vision*

Mr. Collins

Doxology 23

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed.  
God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

The Reading

John 20:19-31

Rev. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Peace Be with You

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"I never felt like I had much choice with Jesus; he was relentless. I didn't experience him so much as the hound of heaven, as the old description has it, as the alley cat of heaven, who seemed to believe that if it just keeps showing up, mewling outside your door, you'd eventually open up and give him a bowl of milk. Of course, as soon as you do, you are [in deep trouble], and the next thing you know, he's sleeping on your bed every night, and stepping on your chest at dawn to play a little push-push."

--Anne Lamott, *Traveling Mercies*

Hymn of Communion 408

*Come, Share the Lord*

DIVERNON

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer

Mr. Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 229

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*The Voice of God Is Calling*  
And all the people said...

Mr. Collins

**AMEN!**

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

Today's image is *Christ shows himself to Thomas*, a mosaic that Rowan and Irene LeCompte installed in the Resurrection Chapel at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington D.C.

†Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Flowers in the chancel are in honor of the WACC congregation and staff who are all doing wonderful work being "the Church"...together...while apart.

#### **OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Wednesday vespers and Sunday morning worship services may be experienced online at: [www.waccelyria.org/online](http://www.waccelyria.org/online)

