



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

Worship of God

April 26, 2020, 9:30 a.m.: The Third 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

Meditation on Hope

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"The road to Emmaus is this world."

--Franz Wright, *God's Silence*

Hymn of Praise 228

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

Invocation

Ms. Sharon Siffert

Hymn of Prayer 538

Hope of the World

VICAR

Prayers of the People

Hope of the world...
Heal earth's wounds and end its bitter strife.

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 593

LEAD ME LORD

Lead Me, Lord

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Invention in B^b Major

Mr. Collins

Doxology 715

NUN DANKET

All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother, to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

The Reading

Luke 24:13-35
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Rev. Russell

Sermon

Hearts on Fire

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"[The Emmaus] story is a parable about loving, that is, feeding, the stranger as yourself and finding Jesus still—or only?—fully present in that encounter. That was very clear to me decades ago and I summed up the ancient Christian intention and modern Christian meaning of that parable by saying that "Emmaus never happened. Emmaus always happens." That is, by the way, an introductory definition of a parable: a story that never happened but always does—or at least should."

--John Dominic Crossan, *The Power of Parable*

Hymn of Communion

Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day †

TALLIS' CANON

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer

Ms. Chris Baumgartner

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 489

BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Dismissal on Resurrection
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

Today, 4/26: 9:30 a.m. - Online, #VirtualWorship premiere*
Mon., 4/27: 7:00 p.m. - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 4/28: 4:00 p.m. - Outreach Committee Zoom meeting
Wed., 4/29: 3:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Zoom gathering
7:00 p.m. - Online, #VirtualWorship vespers premiere*

*All Sunday morning worship services (9:30 a.m.) and Wednesday vespers (7 p.m.) may be experienced online at: www.waccelyria.org/online

**All Monday (7 p.m.) *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premieres may be experienced online at: waccelyria.org/childrencorner

