



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

Worship of God

May 3, 2020, 9:30 a.m.: The Fourth 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

Christ Is Risen

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"We're lazy when it comes to doing things that are good for us; we also want someone to follow - someone to go first, for them to take the risks thereby smoothing our path; a sort of guarantee that we won't stumble. Ironically, we also want to be followed in some way; we are both sheep and shepherd."

--Renée Paule, *Stepping Out of Time*

Hymn of Praise 69

How Like a Gentle Spirit

SURSUM CORDA

Invocation

Ms. Jan Moore

Hymn of Prayer 669

We Grieve in Isolation†

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Prayers of the People

Bring in your new creation, O God...
and give life and health and joy.

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

Healer of Our Every Ill

Mr. Collins

Doxology 15

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

John 10:1-10

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Good Shepherd

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"It is likely we will never meet in quite the same way again. But we have a historic opportunity here. We have the chance to test new ways, learn creatively, imagine beyond old boundaries and grow in our understanding of the family of God. Let me be clear: even as we have gathered in different ways, we are still the church. Even as we have worshiped on Facebook and YouTube from our living room couches, even as we have prayed over Zoom, we are the church, and God is at work in and through us. We will continue to be the church."

--Rev. Teri Hord Owens, General Minister and President

Hymn of Communion 78

The Lord's My Shepherd

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Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer

Ms. Susan Mathes

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 668

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For the Healing of the Nations

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory
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 *The Good Shepherd*, 1973. 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

Flowers in the chancel today are a gift from Botamer Florist,
with wishes that our congregation stays safe and healthy.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 5/3: 9:30 a.m. - Online, #VirtualWorship premiere*
Mon., 5/4: 4:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Zoom meeting
7:00 p.m. - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 5/5: 2:00 p.m. - Church Life & Growth Committee Zoom meeting
6:30 p.m. - Pastoral Relations Committee Zoom meeting
Wed., 5/6: 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/childrenscorner

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: waccelyria.org/pray
Contributions may be submitted to the church office or online at: waccelyria.org/give

