



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

## Worship of God

May 17, 2020, 9:30 a.m.: The Sixth 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 *What Grace Is Mine* Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Love each other dearly always. There is scarcely anything else in the world but that: to love one another."

--Victor Hugo, *Les Miserables*

Hymn of Praise *I Will Never Leave You Orphaned* ABBOT'S LEIGH

Invocation Mr. Joel Sinegar

Hymn of Prayer 253 *Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness* PLEADING SAVIOR

Prayers of the People

Spirit, come, dispel our sadness...  
**And be our source of joy and gladness.**

The Lord's Prayer

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**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 *Merciful God* Mr. Collins

Doxology 23 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* 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 14:15-21 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Rev. Russell
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Sermon	Keeping Commandments	Rev. Russell
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Discipline of Silence

“Walk on through the wind / Walk on through the rain / Tho' your dreams / Be tossed and blown / Walk on / Walk on / With hope in your heart / And you'll never walk alone / You'll never walk alone”

--Oscar Hammerstein, *Carousel*

Hymn of Communion 392	<i>Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether</i>	UNION SEMINARY
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Invitation to Commune	Rev. Russell
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Prayer	Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown
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Words of Institution	Rev. Russell
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Hymn of Discipleship 688	<i>When, in Awe of God's Creation</i>	HYFRYDOL
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Pastoral Benediction and Charge	Rev. Russell
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Postlude	<i>Jesus Is Lord</i> And all the people said... <b>AMEN!</b>	Mr. Collins
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We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

Today's image, *Love One Another* by Ivan Guaderrama, is based on the moving scene of the last supper. The use of the simple silhouettes places against the vibrant colors bring the focus to the meaningful act instead of to the details.

†Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (vs. 1 & 2) and Winfrey-Gillette/Russell (vs. 3)

Flowers in the chancel are in honor of Evan Collins's birthday,  
from the Worship Committee and on behalf of the whole church,  
for his devoted service to WACC.

### OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 5/17: 9:30 a.m. - Online, #VirtualWorship premiere\*  
Mon., 5/18: 6:00 p.m. - Nominating Committee meeting (on Zoom)  
7:00 p.m. - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere\*\*  
Tue., 5/19: 7:45 a.m. - Devotional gathering with *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*\*\*  
Wed., 5/20: 7:00 p.m. - Online, #VirtualWorship vespers premiere\*  
Thu., 5/21: 10:00 a.m. - Social Hour (on Zoom)\*\*\*\*

\*All Sunday morning worship services (9:30 a.m.) and Wednesday vespers (7 p.m.) may be experienced online at: [waccelyria.org/online](http://waccelyria.org/online)  
All services remain online on our [YouTube channel](#) for your viewing convenience.

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

\*\*\*Register here for our Tuesday, 7:45 a.m. devotional times (on Zoom) at: [waccelyria.org/upperroom](http://waccelyria.org/upperroom)

\*\*\*\*Contact the church office to request the meeting ID for this online gathering.

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: [waccelyria.org/pray](http://waccelyria.org/pray)

Contributions may be submitted to the church office or online at: [waccelyria.org/give](http://waccelyria.org/give)

A WACC yard sign may be requested by contacting the church office (\$5 suggested donation).

