



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

Worship of God

February 28, 2021, 9:30am: Second Sunday in Lent

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Spirit of God is with you!
And also with you!

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Prelude

Be Still, My Soul

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"We have lived our lives by the assumption that what was good for us would be good for the world. We have been wrong. We must change our lives so that it will be possible to live by the contrary assumption, that what is good for the world will be good for us. And that requires that we make the effort to know the world and learn what is good for it."

--Wendell Berry, *The Long-Legged House*

Hymn of Praise

We Hope Against All Hope

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Invocation

Ms. Bonnie Jackson

Hymn of Prayer

Be Still, My Soul

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere in embodying the faith of Jesus Christ. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain, often at the expense of others and your creation. We lift up the cross, but we're unwilling to take it as our own. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through the promise revealed in Jesus Christ, our guide and pattern.

Prayers of the People

Faithful God...
Help our souls be still.

The Lord's Prayer

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 *Hear Now the Prayer We Offer*

PASSION CHORALE

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* Mr. Collins

Doxology 200 *Doxology* WONDROUS LOVE
To God and to the Lamb we will sing, we will sing, to God and to the Lamb we will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, we will sing, we will sing, while millions join the theme, we will sing!

The Reading Mark 8:31-9:1 Rev. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *A Threat and a Promise* Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence
"In the midst of the harshest realities of a stand-your-ground culture, King spoke of a dream for a different world. He did not surrender to the crucifying realities of the world. He did not permit it to have the last word. This was the power of his black faith. It enabled him to live into the resurrection promise of new life. In this regard, the future was that which shaped his life, and hence his vision for America. King's dream was not born from the possibilities that the past offered but rather from the promise of God's future. Recognizing the nation's religious identity, King called the nation to this future."
--Kelly Brown Douglas, *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*

Hymn of Communion *What Does It Mean to Lose One's Life?* O WALY WALY

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer Mr. Bob Maxwell

Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship *The Summons* KELVINGROVE

Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude *Andantino* Mr. Collins
And all the people said...
AMEN!

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

Today's artwork is *Into the Light* by Osnat Tzadok

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 2/28: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
7pm - Online CYF Regional Event
(<https://ccinoh.com/regional-calendar.aspx?events=9381&action=details>)
- Mon., 3/1: 5:45pm - Worship Committee meeting (Zoom)
7pm - Lenten Study: Dr. Jennifer Harvey's *Dear White Christians* (Zoom)
7pm - *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
- Tue., 3/2: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (Zoom)***
6:30pm - Permanent Funds Trustees meeting (Zoom)
- Wed., 3/3: 7pm - theAlternative*

*Sunday and Wednesday opportunities for worship premiere at their respective times on our website and YouTube channel (see waccelyria.org/online). Past services are available on our website and [YouTube channel](#).

***Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premieres online at: waccelyria.org/childrenscorner. Past episodes are available on our [YouTube channel](#).

***First-timers will want to register at waccelyria.org for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.

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

