



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

Worship of God

March 14, 2021, 9:30am: Fourth 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

Prelude in G Major, Op. 37

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O God, abide with me."

--Henry F. Lyte, *Abide with Me*

Hymn of Praise 10

Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE

Invocation

Mr. Gerald Western

Hymn of Prayer

Between Our Thoughts

RIDLEY

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Prayers of the People

God of all...
Bring us your peace.

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 *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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 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 Numbers 21:4-9 Rev. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Sermon A Sign of Salvation Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence
"In the Cross is salvation; in the Cross is life; in the Cross is protection against our enemies; in the Cross is infusion of heavenly sweetness; in the Cross is strength of mind; in the Cross is joy of spirit; in the Cross is excellence of virtue; in the Cross is perfection of holiness. There is no salvation of soul, nor hope of eternal life, save in the Cross."
--Thomas à Kempis, *The Inner Life*

Hymn of Communion *Stay with Us* STAY WITH US

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer Ms. Nancy Walker

Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 288 *O God of Vision* LOBE DEN HERREN

Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude *A Prelude on Nettleton* 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 image is *Abstract Cross* by EJDelight.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 3/14: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 3/15: 7pm - Lenten Study: Dr. Jennifer Harvey's *Dear White Christians* (Zoom)
7pm - *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 3/16: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (Zoom)***
5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (Zoom)
7pm - Joanna Circle gathering
Wed., 3/17: 7pm - theAlternative*
Fri., 3/19: 7pm - All-Church Pandemic Mixer Social Hour (on Zoom)****

*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.

****If this will be your first time joining us for an online Social Hour, contact the church office to receive the log-in information.

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

