



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

Worship of God

March 21, 2021, 9:30am: Fifth 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

Now the Green Blade Rises

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"I don't understand it any more than you do, but one thing I've learned is that you don't have to understand things for them to be."

--Madeleine L'Engle, *A Wrinkle in Time*

Hymn of Praise

God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal

JOYFUL SINGING

Invocation

Ms. Marcia Widman

Hymn of Prayer 638

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice of our whole lives, and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, embracing God. Give us confidence and courage to face the future unafraid. Let us place our trust in you so that we embody your message of justice and joy, peace and shalom as we journey from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Prayers of the People

God of song and silence...
Reveal what you alone can see.

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 Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.		Rev. Russell
Offertory	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Mr. Collins
Doxology 200	<i>Doxology</i>	WONDRIOUS 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	John 12:20-33 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	Rev. Russell
Sermon	<i>Wishing to See Jesus</i>	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence	"Love. That was what she had that IT did not have." --Madeleine L'Engle, <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	
Hymn of Communion 230	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	NOËL NOUVELET
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Elder's Prayer		Ms. Sandy Rieth
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 465	<i>We Are Called to Follow Jesus</i>	WE ARE CALLED
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Mr. Collins

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

Today's artwork is *The Risen Lord* by He Qi, heqiart.com.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 3/21: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
- Mon., 3/22: 4:30pm - Christian Education Committee meeting (on Zoom)
7pm - Lenten Study: Dr. Jennifer Harvey's *Dear White Christians* (Zoom)
7pm - *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
- Tue., 3/23: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (Zoom)***
- Wed., 3/24: 1pm - Church Life & Growth Committee work session
7pm - theAlternative*
- Thu., 3/25: 10am - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)****
2pm - Resurrection Bags pick-up (ends 6pm)*****

*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 our bi-weekly, online Social Hour, contact the church office to receive the log-in information.

*****Resurrection Bags also may be picked up during office hours on Friday and throughout Holy Week

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

