



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

Worship of God

March 28, 2021, 9:30am: Palm Sunday

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

Suite in g minor, Allemande

Mr. Timothy Michel

Meditation for Preparation

"The gospel of Jesus is not a rational concept to be explained in a theory of salvation, but a story about God's presence in Jesus' solidarity with the oppressed, which led to his death on the cross. What is redemptive is the faith that God snatches victory out of defeat, life out of death, and hope out of despair."

--James Cone, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*

Hymn of Praise 192

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Invocation

Ms. Bonnie Jackson

Hymn of Prayer 455

How Long, O God, How Long?

LITTLE MARLBOROUGH

Prayer of Confession

Although we wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!" we have not always behaved as disciples. Too often we wander from the path of Christ and stumble along on our own, believing our way to be superior. We turn from those who need help, because it isn't convenient for us. We do and say things that are not worthy of disciples. Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Hear our cry of Hosanna and save us. Set us free from the ties that bind us to unfaithful ways of living. May your abiding grace meet us where we are and not leave us where it found us, and finally, we ask that you open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love.

Prayers of the People

How long, O God...

Hear our ancient cry.

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 *Song of the Birds* Ms. Hannah Ross & Mr. Collins

Doxology 200 *Doxology* 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 Mark 11:1-11 Rev. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Loosening the Bounds* Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence
"Human beings are so made that the ones who do the crushing feel nothing; it is the person crushed who feels what is happening. Unless one has placed oneself on the side of the oppressed, to feel with them, one cannot understand."
--Simone Weil, *Lectures on Philosophy*

Hymn of Communion 183 *We Meet You, O Christ* STANLEY BEACH

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer Ms. Megan Rowe

Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship NO TRAMP OF SOLDIERS' MARCHING FEET
No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

Postlude *Suite in g minor, Minuet 2 & Bourée* Mr. Michel
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 *Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem* by He Qi, heqiart.com.

WACC Ensemble

Evan Collins, Director of Worship & the Arts

Hunter Duseau (Clarinet)
Alexis Facaros (Violin)
Alivia Gaskins (Violin)
Timothy Michel (Guitar)
Meegahn Roesler (Soprano)
Hannah Ross (Cello)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 3/28: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
7pm - Ohio CYF (gr. 9-12) monthly gathering (on Zoom)****
Mon., 3/29: 7pm - Lenten Study: Dr. Jennifer Harvey's *Dear White Christians* (Zoom; final session)
7pm - *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 3/30: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (Zoom)***
Wed., 3/31: 7pm - theAlternative*
Thu., 4/1: 7pm - Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service (on Zoom)*

*All Sunday, Wednesday, and special 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/childrencorner. Past episodes are available on our [YouTube channel](#).

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

****Visit <https://www.facebook.com/OhioCampChristian> for that Zoom link.

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

