



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

Worship of God

April 1, 2021, 7pm: Maundy Thursday

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

Ms. Alivia Gaskins and Mr. Collins
"Méditation" from *Thais*

Meditation for Preparation

"I used to think this day was called Monday Thursday, which, of course, makes no sense whatsoever; it's actually called Maundy Thursday, which also makes no sense whatsoever until you realize the word *Maundy* originates from the Latin, *mandatum*, which means a command, or order. [On this night, Jesus] gives us a new mandatum, a new commandment, to love as he has loved. This is Christ's command, that we love one another."

--Nadia Bolz-Weber

Hymn of Praise 636

Abide with Me

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Invocation

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Prayer

Why Has God Forsaken Me

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Call to Confession

Rev. Russell

Prayer of Confession

All

Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Communion 200

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer		Ms. Jen Sweeten
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Introduction to Readings		Rev. Russell
Hymn	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	HERZLIEBSTER JESU
The Readings from the Gospels and the Extinguishing of Lights		
The Washing of the Disciples' Feet	John 13:2b-8	Mr. Bob Maxwell
The Call to Wash One Another's Feet	John 13:12-15	Ms. Megan Rowe
Love One Another	John 13:34-35	Ms. Lauri Warfield
The Shadow of Betrayal	Matthew 26:20-25	Mr. Mark Mathes
The Shadow of Desertion	Matthew 26:31-35	Ms. Jen Sweeten
The Agony of the Soul	Luke 22:39-44	Ms. Barbara Terrell
Praying in Gethsemane	Mark 14:32-36	Ms. Becky Thompson
The Unshared Vigil	Mark 14:37-41	Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown
Father, the Hour Has Come	John 17:1-6	Ms. Nancy Walker
That They May All Be One	John 17:15-22	Ms. Carol McIntyre
The Arrest in the Garden	John 18:1-5	Mr. Gerald Western
The Shadow of the Cross	Mark 15:16-20	Ms. Sandy Rieth
The Word was God	John 1:1-4, 14, 10, 12; 3:19	Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Please hold the next few minutes in silence and contemplation.

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