



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

## Worship of God

April 4, 2021, 9:30am: Easter Sunday

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Spirit of the resurrected Christ is with you!  
**And also with you!**

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Prelude

Mr. Hunter Duseau and Mr. Collins

*Sonate pour Clarinette (Allegretto)*

Meditation for Preparation

"There really is no story about the Resurrection in the New Testament. Except in the most fragmentary way, it is not described at all. There is no poetry about it. Instead, it is simply proclaimed as a fact. Christ is risen! In fact, the very existence of the New Testament itself proclaims it. Unless something very real indeed took place on that strange, confused morning, there would be no New Testament, no Church, no Christianity.

--Frederick Buechner, *The Alphabet of Grace*

Hymn of Praise

*He Is Risen, He Is Risen*

NEANDER

Invocation

Mr. Connor Sweeten

Hymn of Prayer 231

*Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us*

HOLY MANNA

Prayers of the People

Risen Christ...

**Walk beside us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Ms. Meegahn Roesler and Mr. Collins

**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.**

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

*Was It a Morning Like This?*

Ms. Roesler and Mr. Collins

Doxology 234

*Doxology*

DIADEMATA

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for all he came to save; his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

The Reading	Mark 16:1-8 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Rev. Russell
Sermon	<i>A New Beginning</i>	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence	<i>“Lead on, O fiery pillar; we follow yet with fears, but we shall come rejoicing, though joy be born of tears. We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come, and we are still God’s people. The journey is our home.”</i>	--Ruth Duck
Hymn of Communion 229	<i>That Easter Day with Joy was Bright</i>	PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Elder’s Prayer		Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 216	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	EASTER HYMN
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Tocatta from Suite Gothique</i> And all the people said... <b>AMEN!</b>	Mr. Collins
We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth		

Today's artwork is *The Empty Tomb* by He Qi, [heqart.com](http://heqart.com).

### **WACC Ensemble**

Evan Collins, Director of Worship & the Arts

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

Easter flowers in the chancel are in memory of Harold M. and Gladys A. Clark, provided by their son, Edward Clark, through his establishment of the H & G Clark Flower Fund.

### **OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Today, 4/4: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship\*  
Mon., 4/5: 6pm - Property Committee meeting (on Zoom)  
7pm - *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere\*\*  
Tue., 4/6: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (Zoom)\*\*\*  
Wed., 4/7: 7pm - theAlternative\*  
Thu., 4/8: 10am - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)\*\*\*\*

\*All Sunday and Wednesday worship services premiere at their respective times on our website and YouTube channel (see [waccelyria.org/online](http://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](http://waccelyria.org/childrenscorner). Past episodes are available on our [YouTube channel](#).

\*\*\*First-timers will want to register at [waccelyria.org](http://waccelyria.org) for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.

\*\*\*\*First-timers will want to contact the church office to receive the log-in information for these bi-weekly, all-church online chats.

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: [waccelyria.org/pray](http://waccelyria.org/pray)

Contributions may be submitted to the church office or online at: [waccelyria.org/give](http://waccelyria.org/give)

