



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

Worship of God

April 11, 2021, 9:30am: The Second Sunday of Easter

Greeting	The Spirit of the risen Christ is with you! And also with you!	Rev. Nathan A. Russell
Call to Worship	Lift up your hearts... We lift them to the Lord!	Rev. Russell
Prelude	<i>Filled with the Joy and Gladness</i>	Mr. Collins
Meditation for Preparation	"The 'resurrection' of Jesus, which was soon surrounded by legends, is not a continuation of or a return to life in this space and time but rather about his acceptance into God's eternal life that transcends all human ideas. Moreover, this belief was testified to by witnesses who were not afraid to die for it." --Hans Küng, <i>What I Believe</i>	
Hymn of Praise 2	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	HYMN TO JOY
Invocation		Ms. Nancy Walker
Hymn of Prayer 230	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	NOËL NOUVELET
Prayers of the People	Resurrecting God... Raise us to new life.	
The Lord's Prayer	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.	All
Congregational Response 306	<i>Hear Our Prayer</i>	HEAR OUR PRAYER
Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.	Rev. Russell
Offertory	<i>You Are My Hiding Place</i>	Mr. Collins

Doxology 528

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

The Reading

John 20:19-31

Rev. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Raised to New Life

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"According to the authentic witnesses the decisive element of the faith of the community is completely unambiguous: the crucified Jesus lives forever with God – as hope for us. I make clear what 'resurrection' means: not a return to life in time and space, nor even its continuation, but rather acceptance into that incomprehensible all-embracing first and last reality which we call God."

--Hans Küng, *Disputed Truth*

Hymn of Communion 392

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Ms. Jen Sweeten

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 477

The Risen Christ

NATIONAL HYMN

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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 artwork is *The Doubt of St. Thomas* by He Qi, heqiart.com.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 4/11: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 4/12: 6pm - Worship Committee meeting (on Zoom)
7pm - *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 4/13: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (Zoom)***
5:30pm - Elders' meeting (on Zoom)
7pm - Board meeting (on Zoom)
Wed., 4/14: 7pm - theAlternative*
Sat., 4/17: 10am - Property Committee grounds clean-up

*All Sunday and Wednesday worship services 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.

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

