



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

## Worship of God

April 18, 2021, 9:30am: The Third Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Prelude

*Partita*

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Psychoanalysis has taught that the dead – a dead parent, for example – can be more alive for us, more powerful, more scary, than the living. It is the question of ghosts."

--Jacques Derrida

Hymn of Praise

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

Invocation

Ms. Arlene Burch

Hymn of Prayer 530

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Prayers of the People

Risen Christ...  
**Give us peace like a river.**

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 305

CHILDREN PRAYING

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

*Partita*

Mr. Collins

Doxology 23

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed.  
God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

The Reading                                      Luke 24:36-48                                      Rev. Russell  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon    *Sacred the Body*                                      Rev. Russell

### Discipline of Silence

"Suffering naturally gives rise to doubt. How can one believe in God in the face of such horrendous suffering as slavery, segregation, and the lynching tree? Under these circumstances, doubt is not a denial but an integral part of faith. It keeps faith from being sure of itself. But doubt does not have the final word. The final word is faith giving rise to hope."

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

Hymn of Communion 422                                      LINSTeAD  
*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Invitation to Commune                                      Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer    Ms. Barbara Terrell

Words of Institution                                      Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 322                      *O Word of God Incarnate*                                      MUNICH

Benediction and Charge                                      Rev. Russell

Postlude                                      *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*  
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 *Jesus of the Bayou* © 2014 Lauren Wright Pittman lewpstudio.com. Jesus is portrayed in the bayous of Southern Louisiana, expressing the sacrifice that is necessary to protect this fragile environment. Christ is showing his wounds, calling the viewer to meditate on ways in which we have not cared for the Earth, and have harmed the lands which were gifted to us to protect. Lauren is Founding Creative Partner & Branding Director for A Sanctified Art LLC, a collaborative arts ministry providing multimedia resources for worshiping communities. She also helps faith communities and non-profits share their vibrant stories through branding & design services.

### OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 4/18: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship\*  
Mon., 4/19: 7pm - *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere\*\*  
Tue., 4/20: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (Zoom)\*\*\*  
5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom)  
7pm - Joanna Circle gathering (on Zoom)  
Wed., 4/21: 7pm - theAlternative\*  
Thu., 4/22: 10am - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)\*\*\*\*  
Fri., 4/23: Advance Ministries online Spring Retreat (ages 19-30) (ends Sun., 4/25)

\*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](http://waccelyria.org/youtube).

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

\*\*\*\*Contact the church office for the log-in information for this bi-weekly, online chat.

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)

