



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

Worship of God

April 25, 2021, 9:30am: The Fourth 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

Allemande

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Hope gives us the gumption to lay claim to the strength of our faith and the power of God's love for us! Hope gives us the ability to recognize that no event in our lives, whatever its character, can imprison us... God is always calling us to move beyond the present to shape and mold a better tomorrow. We wrestle with the problems of [our world] until they...disintegrate under the relentless pressure of our ability to hope and to live in that hope. This is what the resurrection is all about. Not even death is capable of telling us what it is that God has to say about life."

--Emilie M. Townes, *Embracing the Spirit*

Hymn of Praise 618

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Invocation

Ms. Kimberly Wilhelm

Hymn of Prayer

Shepherd Me, O God

SHEPHERD ME

Prayers of the People

Good and Gracious God...
Shepherd us from death into life.

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 317

Amen

AMEN

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Mr. Collins

Doxology 50

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!!**

The Reading

John 10:11-18

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Laying It Down; Picking It Up

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The resurrection of Jesus has the effect in John of conferring upon the disciples an unprecedented role vis-à-vis the risen Lord. They are not just to be ambassadors of a cause that comes with it a set of instructions that one may codify and report, but are, in a very profound sense, to become the reality they signify. They are to become analogies of the risen Christ, to body him forth in the world in a generative act that expands his embrace."

--Brian D. Robinette, *Grammars of Resurrection*

Hymn of Communion 80 *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Becky Thompson

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Double

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 Good Shepherd* by He Qi, heqiart.com.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 4/25: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 4/26: 6pm: - Property Committee meeting (on Zoom)
7pm - *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 4/27: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (Zoom)***
Wed., 4/28: 7pm - theAlternative*

*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/childrencorner. 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

