

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

Worship of God

March 20, 2022, 9:30am: The Third Sunday in Lent

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

Call to Worship

The Spirit of God is with you! And also with you! Rev. Nathan A. Russell

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

Prelude

Diana Tyler

Rev. Russell

Meditation for Preparation

"The world is full of painful stories. Sometimes it seems as though there aren't any other kind and yet I found myself thinking how beautiful that glint of water was through the trees."

-Octavia Butler, Parable of the Sower

Hymn of Praise 697	Creative God, You Spread the Earth	KINGSFOLD
Invocation		Ms. Bonnie Jackson
Hymn of Prayer (Insert)	O Christ, Our Lord, Create in Us <sup>1</sup>	RETREAT

## Prayer of Confession

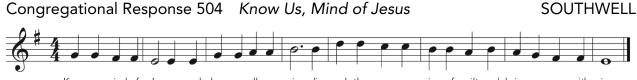
God, whose grace redeems our story, we remember the garden of Eden, and we'd like to return there, where we can tend and till the land without feeling that the soil is working against us. However, we are afraid. Feelings of guilt and shame weigh us down so that we would rather hide from you than walk with you. And yet, you come and seek us, calling us by our names. There is a certain grace in hearing your voice. We know that your love is both a promise and covenant that holds us accountable to your way for us. However, we often choose what we want instead. Ego gets the best of us, and we think we can do life on our own without you and without each other. May your forgiveness free us from the past and transform us into a restored and renewed humanity that seeks the future you want and ultimately will have.

Prayers of the People	O Christ, our Lord
-	Redeem our life and story.

The Lord's Prayer

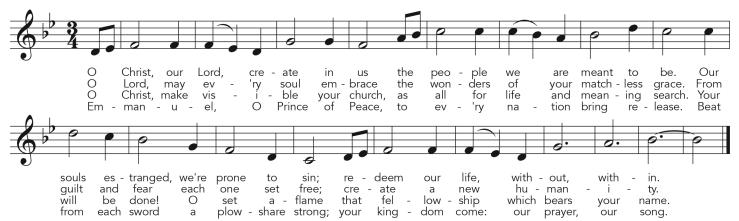
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.



Know us, mind of Je sus, and show us all our sin; dis - pel the mem - o - ries of guilt and bring us peace with - in.

O Christ, Our Lord, Create in Us



		nes, and Our Gifts support the budgeted ministries of W	Rev. Russell ACC.
Offertory		Learn to Be Still	Diana Tyler
will sing! To C	God and to th	we will sing, we will sing, to the Lamb, who is the great "I AI ill sing, while millions join the sill sing, while millions join the sill sing, while millions join the sill sing while mill sing while mill sing while millions join the sill sing while mill sing while millions join the sill sing while mill sing while mi	N," while millions join the
The Reading	For the Wor	Genesis 3:8-21 d of God in its promise and cov <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Rev. Russell venant
Sermon	Bac	k to the Garden: Telling Stories	Rev. Russell
own life's story God is present	y crucial, there and to pay clo anywhere, it i	efore, to keep in constant touch w use attention to what is going on in s in those stories that God is pres carcely worth telling." –Frederick Bud	the stories of others' lives. If
Hymn of Commu	nion 384	Here at Thy Table, Lord	BREAD OF LIFE
Invitation to Com	mune		Rev. Russell
Prayer at the Tab	le		Mr. Mark Mathes
Words of Instituti	on		Rev. Russell
Invitation to Disci	pleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Disciple	•	ghty God Who Called Creation <sup>2</sup>	WEISSE FLAGGEN
Benediction and	Charge		Rev. Russell

Mighty God Who Called Creation



## He's There And all the people said... AMEN!

We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

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<sup>1</sup>Words by Chester E. Custer <sup>2</sup>Words by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

## **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Today, 3/20:	9:30am	<ul> <li>Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary (labyrinth available for walking immediately following worship)</li> </ul>
	11am	- Two Or More scripture discussion group in the Gibbens room
	6pm	- YouTube premiere of the 9:30am worship service
Mon., 3/21:	4pm	<ul> <li>Justice League meeting in the Elders' conference room</li> </ul>
	7pm	- Lenten Study (on Zoom)
		- YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart
Tue., 3/22:	7:45am	<ul> <li>Devotional gathering for The Upper Room (on Zoom)*</li> </ul>
	6:30pm	<ul> <li>Christian Education Committee meeting (hybrid)</li> </ul>
Wed., 3/23:	10am-2pm	- Labyrinth available
	7pm	<ul> <li>YouTube premiere of theAlternative</li> </ul>
Thu., 3/24:	10am	- Social Hour (on Zoom)**
Fri., 3/25:	7pm	- Sanctuary in use (cello recital)

\*First-timers may register at <u>waccelyria.org</u> for these online, weekly devotional gatherings. \*\*Contact the church office for the link to this bi-weekly, online chat.



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us in-person and/or online. Scan this QR code with a smartphone to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make an online contribution.

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