



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

Worship of God

April 10, 2022, 9:30am: Palm Sunday

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of God 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

Lent Contemplation

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"We're called to spark disturbing things though wealth and power conspire to hush the messenger who brings God's purifying fire."

–Thomas Troeger, *The Rocks Would Shout if We Kept Still*

Hymn of Praise 192

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Invocation

Ms. Debby Willets

Hymn of Prayer (Insert)

*Grace Alone*¹

GRACE ALONE

Prayer of Confession

God of the March, we long to join Jesus as he makes his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but we are afraid. We know what's on the other side of the palm parade, and it's not a victory lap but the cross. The cross is terrifying, and we are hesitant to take it up as our own. As the crucifying powers at work in the world inflict their worst, help us to trust that you will do your best, no matter what. Grant us the grace needed to be submissive to your will and the grit to be subversive to all that threatens the future you want and ultimately will have. Inspire us to keep our feet in step with you and to wave the branches that signal your dawning reign.

Prayers of the People

God of grace and grit...
Be our cornerstone.

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.

Congregational Response

*Stay with Me*²

STAY WITH ME



Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

Invitation to Stewardship

Rev. Russell

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

Grace Alone



Ev-ery prom-ise we can make, ev-ery prayer and step of faith, ev-ery dif-ference we will make
Ev-ery soul we long to reach, ev-ery heart we hope to teach, ev-ery-where we share God's peace



is on-ly by God's grace. Ev-ery moun-tain we will climb, ev-ery ray of hope we shine,
is on-ly by God's grace. Ev-ery lov-ing word we say, ev-ery tear we wipe a-way,



ev-ery bless-ing left be-hind is on-ly by God's grace. Grace a-lone which God sup-plies, strength un-
ev-ery sor-row turned to praise is on-ly by God's grace.



known God will pro-vide. Christ in us our Cor-ner-stone; we will go forth in grace a-lone.

Offertory *Pueri Hebraeorum* Vocal ensemble

Doxology *Doxology*³ PASSION CHORALE
Praise to the Christ who marches on street and thoroughfare as witness to God's future of justice, joy, and care. We offer gifts to nourish your reign of love most fair. Ignite us with your Spirit to speak, to march, to dare!

The Reading Matthew 21:1-11 Rev. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *March On* Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The march...presented a significant challenge. What happens after that good start? In the coming months and years, we have to find the best ways to sustain the energy and enthusiasm generated by the Women's March. It is relatively easy to show up for one day. How do we show up not just in historic moments but in our everyday lives, in our own homes and communities? How do we keep fighting when it feels hopeless... How do we fight for ourselves while also fighting for the greater good? How do we hold ourselves accountable and force ourselves to make the difficult, inconvenient choices that will be demanded of us? How do we take up the fight when some of us are simply too weary to continue the fight alone?"

—Roxane Gay

Hymn of Communion 183 *We Meet You, O Christ* STANLEY BEACH

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table Ms. Sandy Rieth

Words of Institution Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship (Insert) NO TRAMP OF SOLDIERS' MARCHING FEET
*No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*⁴

Benediction and Charge Rev. Russell

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet with ban - ners and with drums, no
 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer; with palms his path is strown. With
 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn; the palms, how soon laid down! No
 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake the cross and all its pains No and



sound of mu - sic's mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!" To
 ev - ery step the cross draws near: the King of glo - ry's throne. A -
 bloom or leaf but on - ly thorn the King of glo - ry's crown. The
 chose a ser - vant's form to take, the King of glo - ry reigns! Ho -



greet what pomp of king - ly pride no bells in tri - umph ring, no
 stride a colt he pass - es by as loud ho - san - nas ring, or
 sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries, the streets with tu - mult ring, as
 san - na to the Sav - ior's name till heav - en's raf - ters ring, and



cit - y gates swing o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 else the ver - y stones would cry, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 Pi - late to the mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 all the ran - somed host pro - claim, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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

Today's artwork is *A Choice* (2018) © Lauren Wright Pittman, lewpstudio.com.

Today's guest musicians are Katherine Malquest, trumpet; Grace Nelson, soprano; Nat Scerbo, alto; Richard Morgan, tenor; and Adam Whanger, baritone.

¹Words by Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson, 1998

²Words by Jacques Berthier, 1984

³Words by Nathan A. Russell, 2022

⁴Words by Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1984

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Today, 4/10: | 9:30am | - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary
Labyrinth available for walking immediately following worship |
| | 11am | - Community Choir rehearsal
- <i>Two Or More</i> scripture discussion group in the Gibbens room |
| | 6pm | - YouTube premiere of morning worship |
| Mon., 4/11: | 7pm | - Lenten Study (on Zoom)
- YouTube premiere of <i>Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart</i> |
| Tue., 4/12: | 7:45am | - Devotional gathering using <i>The Upper Room</i> (on Zoom)* |
| | 5:30pm | - Elders' meeting (hybrid) |
| | 7pm | - Board meeting (hybrid) |
| Wed., 4/13: | 10am-2pm | - Labyrinth available (weekly) |
| | 7pm | - YouTube premiere of theAlternative |
| Thur., 4/14: | 6:15pm | - Elders' rehearsal |
| | 7pm | - Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service |
| Fri., 4/15: | 7pm | - YouTube premiere of Communion and Tenebrae Service |
| Sat., 4/16: | 11:45pm | - Holy Saturday worship |

*First-timers may register at waccelyria.org for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.



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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