

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.

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Prayers of the People
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God of grace and grit... **Be our cornerstone.**

The Lord's Prayer

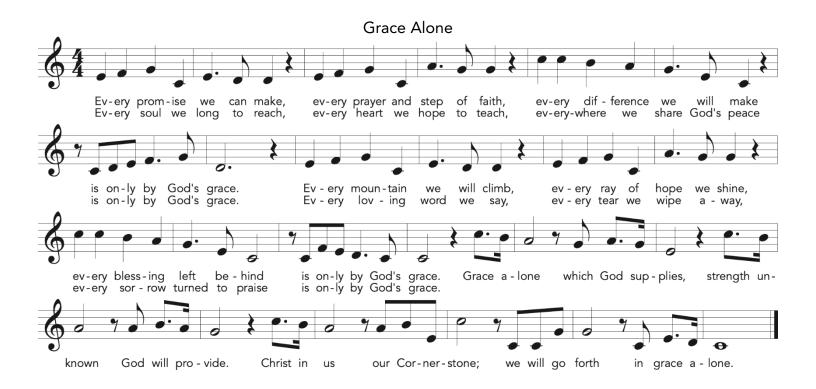
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,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



Invitation to Stewardship

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

Rev. Russell



Doxology Doxology³ 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

Offertory

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

Sermon

March On

Rev. Russell

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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 Ti	NO TRAMP OF Soldiers' Marching Fo	OLDIERS′ MARCHING FEET eet⁴

Rev. Russell

Pueri Hebraeorum

PASSION CHORALE

Vocal ensemble

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



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

Today, 4/10:	9:30am	 Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary Labyrinth available for walking immediately following worship
	11am	- Community Choir rehearsal
		- Two Or More scripture discussion group in the Gibbens room
	6pm	 YouTube premiere of morning worship
Mon., 4/11:	7pm	- Lenten Study (on Zoom)
		- YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart
Tue., 4/12:	7:45am	- Devotional gathering using The Upper Room (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
	11:45pm	- Holy Saturday worship

*First-timers may register at <u>waccelyria.org</u> 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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