



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

Worship of God

April 14, 2022, 7pm: Maundy Thursday

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Spirit of God is with you!
And also with you!

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

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

Meditation for Preparation

"I used to think this day was called Monday Thursday, which, of course, makes no sense whatsoever; it's actually called Maundy Thursday, which also makes no sense whatsoever until you realize the word *Maundy* originates from the Latin, *mandatum*, which means a command, or order. [On this night, Jesus] gives us a new mandatum, a new commandment, to love as he has loved. This is Christ's command, that we love one another."

--Nadia Bolz-Weber

Hymn of Praise 636

Abide with Me

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Invocation

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Prayer

Why Has God Forsaken Me?

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"Why has God for - sak - en me?" Je - sus cried out from the cross
 At the tomb of Laz - a - rus Je - sus wept with o - pen grief:
 Je - sus, as his life ex - pired, placed him - self with - in God's care:
 Mys - t'ry shrouds our life and death but we need not be a - fraid,

as he shared the lone - li - ness of our deep - est grief and loss.
 grant us, God, the tears which heal all our pain and un - be - lief.
 at our dy - ing, Christ, may we trust the love which con - quers fear.
 for the mys - t'ry's heart is love, God's great love which Christ dis - played.

Call to Confession

Rev. Russell

Prayer of Confession

All

Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Communion 200	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	WONDROUS LOVE
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer		Ms. Sandy Rieth
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Introduction to Readings		Rev. Russell
Hymn 210	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended</i>	HERZLIEBSTER JESU
The Readings from the Gospel and the Extinguishing of Lights		
Mark 14:32-42		Ms. Sandy Rieth
Mark 14:43-53		Mr. Bob Maxwell
Mark 14:54-64		Ms. Megan Rowe
Mark 14:65-72		Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown
Mark 15:1-10		Ms. Lauri Warfield
Mark 15:11-20		Mr. Gerald Western
Mark 15:21-33		Ms. Debby Willets
Mark 15:34-47		Rev. Russell

Please hold the next few minutes in silence and contemplation.

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