



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

Worship of God

April 17, 2022, 9:30am: Easter Sunday

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude

WACC Community Choir and Orchestra
Let the Church Rejoice

Meditation for Preparation

"Even though the word of a woman was not considered sufficient proof in court, Mary Magdalene was the first witness of the resurrected Christ and the first preacher of the Resurrection. Jesus commanded her to go tell his brothers, the disciples, that he was returning to 'my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' Before the male disciples even knew he was breathing, Jesus sent a woman to proclaim the good news: he is risen! The last shall be first, again, always."

–Sarah Bessey, *Jesus Feminist*

Hymn of Praise (Insert)

*He Is Risen, He Is Risen*¹

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Invocation

Mr. Jeff Evans

Hymn of Prayer 231

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

HOLY MANNA

Prayers of the People

God of resurrection...
Walk beside us.

The Lord's Prayer 307

MALOTTE

Our Father, which 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

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

WACC Community Choir; Alexis Facaros, piano; Alivia Gaskins, violin
The Summons

Doxology

DIADEMATA

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for all he came to save; his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

He Is Risen, He Is Risen

He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with joy - ful voice:
Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and ra - diant brow!
Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri - um - phant day;
He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened hea - ven's gate:

he has burst his three days' pris - on; let the whole wide earth re - jice:
Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed; Je - sus' woes are o - ver now,
not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray,
we are free from sin's dark pris - on, ris - en to a ho - lier state;

death is con - quered, we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
and the pas - sion that he bore, sin and pain can vex no more.
break - ing o'er the pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
and a bright - er Eas - ter beam on ur long - ing eyes shall stream.

The Reading

John 20:1-18

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

From Exclamation to Proclamation

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The marks of faithful discipleship left for us by Mary Magdalene in John is to "look for Jesus in the dark," "stay with Jesus and know Jesus' voice," and ultimately "tell the Good news." The formation of our faith may come from the least likely persons and the most unexpected places. But when you encounter a moment of Resurrection, do what Mary did. Tell your story everywhere you go. 'I have seen the Lord!'"

—Rev. Melanie Jones, #BelieveHer

Hymn of Communion 229

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 216

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Improvisation
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Collins

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

Today's artwork is *Easter - Christ appears to Mary* (1973). JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

¹Words by Cecil Frances Alexander

Today's musicians are the WACC Community Choir; Grace Nelson, soprano; Adam Whanger, baritone; Alivia Gaskins, violin; Alexis Facaros, violin and piano; Hunter Duseau, clarinet; Luke Helwig, soprano saxophone; Katherine Malquest, trumpet; Hannah Ross, cello; Juyoung Lee, trombone; Kyle Burr, tuba

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 4/17: 9:30am - Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary
Labyrinth available for walking immediately following worship
6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship
- Mon., 4/18: 7pm - Lenten study (on Zoom)
- YouTube premiere of *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart*
- Tue., 4/19: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)*
5pm - Outreach Committee meeting (on Zoom)
7pm - Joanna Circle gathering (on Zoom)
- Wed., 4/20: 10am-2pm - Labyrinth available (weekly)
7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
- Thu., 4/21: 10am - Social Hour (on Zoom)**
6:30pm - Pastoral Relations Committee meeting
- Sat., 4/23: 11am - Memorial service for Barbara Terrell

*First-timers may register at waccelyria.org 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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