



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

Worship of God

May 1, 2022, 9:30am: The Third Sunday of Easter

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!

Mr. Mark Mathes

Prelude

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"It's just death and resurrection, over and over again, day after day, as God reaches down into our deepest graves and with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead wrests us from our pride, our apathy, our fear, our prejudice, our anger, our hurt, and our despair. Most days I don't know which is harder for me to believe: that God reanimated the brain functions of a man three days dead, or that God can bring back to life all the beautiful things we have killed. Both seem pretty unlikely to me.

–Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday*

Hymn of Praise 239

Wake, the Dawn Is Now Full Rising

JEFFERSON

Invocation

Rev. Ron Dauphin

Hymn of Prayer 365

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the People

God of holy wisdom and unimagined ways...
Recreate and transform us.

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 305

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Invitation to Stewardship

Rev. Russell

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

Offertory

Mr. Collins

Doxology 23

Doxology

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed. God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness.

The Reading

Matthew 22:23-33

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

An Astonishing Teaching

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"A Permeable Life is about what presses out from the heart, what comes in at a slant and what shimmers below the surface of things. To live permeably is to be open-hearted and audacious, to risk showing up as our truest self, and embracing a willingness to be astonished."

—Carrie Newcomer, *A Permeable Life: Poems & Essays*

Hymn of Communion 416

CONSOLATION

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Dan Clark

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 649

Give Thanks for Life

SINE NOMINE

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Mr. Collins

And all the people said...

AMEN!

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 5/1:	9:30am	- Energetic, liturgical worship in the sanctuary
		- Labyrinth available for walking immediately following worship
	11am	- <i>Two Or More</i> scripture discussion group in the Gibbens room
	6pm	- YouTube premiere of morning worship
Mon., 5/2:	7pm	- YouTube premiere of <i>Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart</i>
Tue., 5/3:	6:30am-7:30pm	- WACC serves as Election Day polling place
	7:45am	- Devotional gathering using <i>The Upper Room</i> (on Zoom)*
	6-8pm	- Labyrinth available (first Tuesday/month)
Wed., 5/4:	10am-2pm	- Labyrinth available (weekly)
	7pm	- YouTube premiere of theAlternative
Thu., 5/5:	10am	- Social Hour (on Zoom)**

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

**Contact the church office to receive the link.



We are thrilled that you are worshipping 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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