



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

Worship of God

March 5, 2023, 9:30am: The Second Sunday in Lent

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Mr. Evan Collins

Call to Worship

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

Mr. Collins

Prelude

Again We keep this Solemn Fast

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"I stared down the hill from our camp where just a glint of water was visible in the distance through the trees and bushes. The world is full of painful stories. Sometimes it seems as though there aren't any other kind and yet I found myself thinking how beautiful that glint of water was through the trees."

—Octavia Butler, *Parable of the Sower*

Hymn of Praise 24

The God of Abraham Praise

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Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer

Golden Breaks the Dawn¹

LEP'ING

Gold-en breaks the dawn, comes the east-ern sun; like a rid-er strong,
Ho-ly, liv-ing God, keep us safe to-day; though we wea-ry plod,
Give us dai-ly bread, while we do our part; bright skies o-ver-head,

set the course to run. Birds a-bove us fly, flow-ers bloom be-low;
make us kind, we pray. Let us guide the youth, hon-or weak and old;
glad-ness in our heart. Sim-ple wants pro-vide, e-evil let us shun;

through the earth and sky God's great mer-cies flow.
let us serve with truth, and till the day is fold.
Je-sus at our side, done.

Prayers of the People

Holy, Living God...
Let your mercies flow.

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.

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| Sung Response | <i>Stay with Me²</i> | STAY WITH ME |
| | Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray. | |
| Invitation to Stewardship | | Ms. Walker |
| | Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC. | |
| Offertory | <i>Walk Along Beside Me</i> | WACC Community Choir |
| Doxology 200 | <i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i> | PICARDY |
| | To God and to the Lamb we will sing, we will sing, to God and to the Lamb we will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I Am," while millions join the theme, we will sing, we will sing, while millions join the theme, we will sing! | |
| The Reading | 1 Kings 17:8-16 | Mr. Collins |
| | For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... | |
| | Thanks be to God. | |
| Sermon | <i>Redeeming Stories: The Widow of Zarephath</i> | Rev. Russell |
| Discipline of Silence | | |
| | "Mature people, at their best, are people who are committed to the common good that reaches beyond private interest, transcends sectarian commitments, and offers human solidarity." | |
| | —Walter Brueggemann, <i>Journey to the Common Good</i> | |
| Hymn of Communion 410 | | ST. PAUL'S |
| | <i>Now We Come Before God's Presence</i> | |
| Invitation to Commune | | Rev. Russell |
| Prayer at the Table | | Ms. Debby Willets |
| Words of Institution | | Rev. Russell |
| Invitation to Discipleship | | Rev. Russell |
| Hymn of Discipleship 618 | <i>How Firm a Foundation</i> | FOUNDATION |
| Benediction and Charge | | Rev. Russell |

¹Lyrics by Tzu-chen Chao; paraphrased Frank W. Price, 1977

²Taizé Community, 1984

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Sunday, March 5: | 11:00am | Two or More Scripture Discussion Group in the Gibbens Room |
| | 6:00pm: | YouTube Premiere of morning worship |
| Monday, March 6 | 2:00pm: | Clergy Renewal Grant Committee Meeting (Hybrid) |
| | 3:00pm: | Worship Committee Meeting (Hybrid) |
| | 7:00pm: | <i>Wondering through Lent</i> (Zoom) |
| Tuesday, March 7 | 7:30am: | Upper Room Devotional gathering (Zoom) |
| Wednesday, March 8 | 9:30am: | CRICUT Party: WACC Workroom |
| | 7:00pm: | theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube |
| Thursday, March 9 | 10:00am: | Social Hour (Zoom) |



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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