



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

Worship of God

March 12, 2023, 9:30am: The Third Sunday in Lent

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Ms. Glennis Covault

Call to Worship

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

Ms. Covault

Prelude

Verset

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Guilt is not a response to anger; it is a response to one's own actions or lack of action. If it leads to change then it can be useful, since it is then no longer guilt but the beginning of knowledge. Yet all too often, guilt is just another name for impotence, for defensiveness destructive of communication; it becomes a device to protect ignorance and the continuation of things the way they are, the ultimate protection for changelessness."

—Audre Lorde, *Sister Outsider*

Hymn of Praise 64

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

ELLACOMBE

Invocation

Ms. Sheila Smith

Hymn of Prayer

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive¹

DETROIT

"For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray, but
 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart that
 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew: what
 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease. Then,

you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part.
 triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.
 bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

Prayers of the People

God, our Teacher...

Grant us grace to live the words we say.

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.

Sung Response

Stay with Me²

STAY WITH ME

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray.

Invitation to Stewardship

Ms. Sandy Rieth

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

Offertory

Kyrie

Mr. Collins

Doxology 200

What Wondrous Love Is This

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

Numbers 5:5-10

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Redeeming Stories: Guilt, Repentance, and Repair

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"'We repeat what we don't repair,' Dr. Abbasi had said to her once, and for so many years she'd taken the limited interpretation of that as pertaining only to herself, and figured she was safe since she'd have little chance to repeat her worst errors anyway, having no family left, no one to abandon and no one to drive away. But from the moment Kate's face appeared at her car window that night, she wondered if all that time she'd misunderstood the warning. That the 'We' in the doctor's aphorism (one, admittedly, she'd rolled her eyes at when it was first delivered to her) was larger. 'We' could include Peter, could include his children, all the people connected to Anne by invisible thread."

—Mary Beth Keane, *Ask Again, Yes*

Hymn of Communion 416

CONSOLATION

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

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Nancy Walker

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*Lord, Lead Me by Your Spirit*³

BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Voluntary in F Major
 And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Collins

¹Lyrics by Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969;

²Lyrics by Taizé Community, 1984

³Lyrics by Eric L. Selden, 1980

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Sunday, March 12 | 11:00am | Two or More Scripture Discussion Group in the Gibbens Room |
| | 6:00pm: | YouTube Premiere of morning worship |
| Monday, March 13 | 7:00pm: | <i>Wondering through Lent</i> (Zoom) |
| Tuesday, March 14 | 7:30am: | Upper Room Devotional gathering (Zoom) |
| | 5:30pm: | Elder's Meeting (Hybrid) |
| | 7:00pm: | Board Meeting (Hybrid) |
| Wednesday, March 15 | 7:00pm: | theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube |



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

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