

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

Worship of God

March 19, 2023, 9:30am: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Chiming the Hour The Atwood Carillon

Greeting The Spirit of God is with you! Ms. Glennis Covault

And also with you!

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Ms. Covault We lift them to the Lord!

Meditation for Preparation

"The search for God is a reversal of the normal, mundane worldly order. In the search for God, you revert from what attracts you and swim toward that which is difficult. You abandon your comforting and familiar habits with the hope (the mere hope!) that something greater will be offered you in return for what you've given up."

-Elizabeth Gilbert, Eat, Pray, Love

Hymn of Praise 24

The God of Abraham Praise

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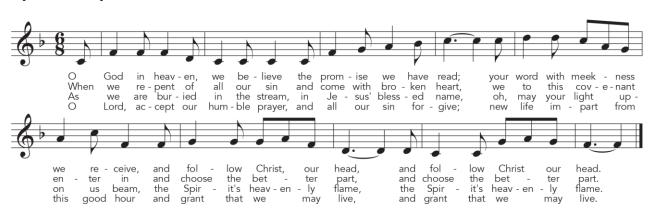
Invocation

Ms. Kathy Oblak

Hymn of Prayer

O God in Heaven, We Believe¹

DOVE OF PEACE



Prayers of the People

O God, in heaven...

Accept our humble prayer.

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.

Ms. Debby Willets Invitation to Stewardship Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC. Offertory Womb of Life and Source of Being Mr. Collins What Wondrous Love Is This Doxology 200 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 Genesis 31:25-27, 43-50 Mr. Collins For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God. Rev. Nathan A. Russell Sermon Redeeming Stories: Great Reversals Discipline of Silence "Faith is belief in what you cannot see or prove or touch. Faith is walking face-first and fullspeed into the dark. If we truly knew all the answers in advance as to the meaning of life and the nature of God and the destiny of our souls, our belief would not be a leap of faith and it would not be a courageous act of humanity; it would just be...a prudent insurance policy." -Elizabeth Gilbert, Eat, Pray, Love Hymn of Communion 400 When You Do This, Remember Me **LORETTO** Rev. Russell Invitation to Commune Prayer at the Table Mr. Don Hange, Jr. Words of Institution Rev Russell Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Russell

We Are God's People³

As the Deer And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Hymn of Discipleship

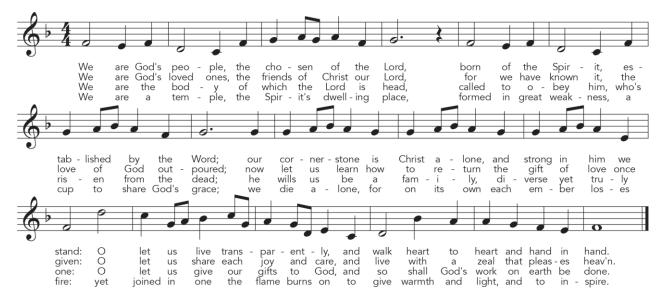
Postlude

Benediction and Charge

SYMPHONY

Rev. Russell

Mr. Collins



¹Lyrics by Parley P. Pratt, 1807-1857, alt.

²Lyrics by Taizé Community, 1984

³Lyrics by Bryan Jeffery, Leech, 1976, alt.

Today's artwork is a picture taken at the Palo Duro Canyon in Texas on October 8, 2021. The picture coincides with today's scripture and the heap of stones.

Today's flowers are given by Polly Simmons in memory of Bud Simmons recognizing his 92nd birthday.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 19 Two or More Scripture Discussion Group in the Gibbens Room 11:00am

Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room

6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship

Monday, March 20 7:00pm: Wondering through Lent (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 21 7:30am: Upper Room Devotional gathering (Zoom)

5:00pm: Outreach Committee Meeting (Zoom)

7:00pm: Joanna Circle (Zoom)

7:00pm: theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube Wednesday, March 22

Thursday, March 23 10:00am: All-church 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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