



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

## Worship of God

March 26, 2023, 9:30am: The Fifth 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

*Be Thou My Vision*

Mr. Collins

## Meditation for Preparation

"Woman, your fine ointment, brand new and expensive, could have been saved for the poor. Why has it been wasted? We could have raised maybe three hundred silver pieces or more. People who are hungry, people who are starving matter more than your feet and hair."

—Judas, *Jesus Christ Superstar*

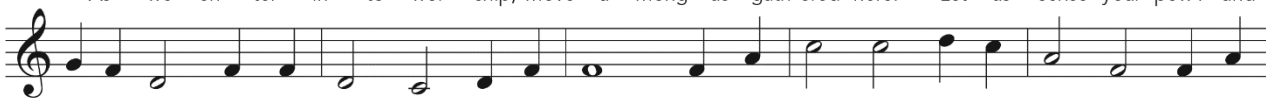
Hymn of Praise

*God, We Sense Your Peace and Power*

BEACH SPRING



God, we sense your peace and pow - er in this place we love so much. We are moved by gen - tle  
Once a man, cast out and wound - ed, far from his com - mun - i - ty, saw in Je - sus: Change was  
God, you fill your earth with beau - ty; there is so much we can see— ban - ners, art, and stained glass  
As we en - ter in - to wor - ship, move a - mong us gath - ered here. Let us sense your pow'r and



fra - grance; we are blessed by heal - ing touch. In these pews we hear the gos - pel; we see  
com - ing! Here was one to set him free! He saw Je - sus had a mis - sion— and the  
win - dows, sculpt - ure, quilt, and tap - es - try. You give art to lift our spir - its; you help  
prom - ise, give us cour - age yet to dare. Your good fu - ture is still com - ing, it is



life be - yond com - pare. Here we gath - er at your ta - ble, tast - ing love in meals we share.  
de - mons saw it, too! God, we pray for clear - er vi - sion as you build a world that's new.  
art - ists do their best. In their work, we see your good - ness. Through their art, our lives are blest.  
not far off, but here! Help us lean in - to our call - ing to seek jus - tice with - out fear.

Invocation

Ms. Sharon Siffert

Hymn of Prayer 582

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

DOWN AMPNEY

Prayers of the People

O Comforter, draw near...  
**And within our hearts appear.**

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 Me<sup>2</sup>*

STAY WITH ME

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

Invitation to Stewardship		Mr. Ken Oblak
	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.	
Offertory	<i>Be Strong in the Lord</i>	Mr. Collins
Doxology 200	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	PICARDY
	<b>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!</b>	
The Reading	Matthew 26:6-13	Mr. Collins
	For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...	
	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	<i>Redeeming Stories: In Memory of Her</i>	Rev. Nathan A. Russell
Discipline of Silence		
	"The woman's prophetic sign-action did not become a part of the gospel knowledge of Christians. Even her name is lost to us. Wherever the gospel is proclaimed and the eucharist celebrated another story is told: the story of the apostle who betrayed Jesus. The name of the betrayer is remembered, but the name of the faithful disciple is forgotten because she was a woman."	
	–Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, <i>In Memory of Her</i>	
Hymn of Communion 502	<i>Come, You Disconsolate</i>	CONSOLATOR
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer at the Table		Mr. Mark Mathes
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship	<i>God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal</i>	JOYFUL SINGING
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>God So Loved the World</i> And all the people said... <b>AMEN!</b>	Mr. Collins

God of dawn, each day's re - new - al brings the world in - to your light as your  
 Christ, you walked the world as we do, knew its hu - man pain and loss as your  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in - spi - ra - tion, light and truth and root of prayer, as your  
 Praise to God, who spoke cre - a - tion, giv - ing life to time and space. Praise to

son de - feats the shad - ows, drives a - way the fear of night. We would  
 love broke through the bar - riers, by your death up - on the cross. We still  
 chal - lenge moves us for - ward, tak - ing us we know not where, we will  
 Christ, whose liv - ing pres - ence showed the world your hu - man face. Praise the

greet this new be - gin - ning as you call to start a - gain; lead us  
 speak your gos - pel mes - sage, though two thou - sand years have gone; help us  
 fol - low your di - rec - tion, though the way may not be clear. Shape us,  
 Spir - it, dai - ly wit - ness to your ev - er - lov - ing way. Take us

on with hope and cour - age, make your will pres - ent and pur - pose plain.  
 now trans - late its mean - ing in this pres - ent world of wrong.  
 change us, re - cre - ate us, so the fu - ture holds no fear.  
 now and re - a - wake us, chal - lenge us to use this day.

<sup>1</sup>Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette & NAR, 2023    <sup>2</sup>Lyrics by Taizé Community, 1984    <sup>3</sup>Lyrics by Marjorie Dobson, 2004

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

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|---------------------|---------|---|
| Sunday, March 26    | 11:00am | Becoming WACC in the Sanctuary                  |
|                     | 6:00pm: | YouTube Premiere of morning worship             |
| Monday, March 27    | 7:00pm: | <i>Wondering through Lent</i> (Zoom)            |
| Tuesday, March 28   | 7:30am: | Upper Room Devotional gathering (Zoom)          |
|                     | 4:00pm: | Church Life & Growth Committee Meeting (Hybrid) |
|                     | 6:30pm: | Christian Education Committee (Hybrid)          |
| Wednesday, March 29 | 7:00pm: | theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube      |



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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