



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

Worship of God

April 2, 2023, 9:30am:  
 Palm Sunday

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!**

Rev. Russell

Prelude

*Attende Domine*

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"Like superficial spirituality, looking on the bright side of things is a euphemism used for obscuring certain realities of life, the open consideration of which might prove threatening or dangerous to the status quo."

—Audre Lorde, *The Cancer Journals*

Hymn of Praise 192

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer

Grace Alone<sup>1</sup>

GRACE ALONE

Ev-ery prom-ise we can make, ev-ery prayer and step of faith, ev-ery dif-ference we will make  
 Ev-ery soul we long to reach, ev-ery heart we hope to teach, ev-ery-where we share God's peace

is on-ly by God's grace. Ev-ery moun-tain we will climb, ev-ery ray of hope we shine,  
 is on-ly by God's grace. Ev-ery lov-ing word we say, ev-ery tear we wipe a-way,

ev-ery bless-ing left be-hind is on-ly by God's grace. Grace a-lone which God sup-plies, strength un-  
 ev-ery sor-row turned to praise is on-ly by God's grace.

known God will pro-vide. Christ in us our Cor-ner-stone; we will go forth in grace a-lone.

Prayers of the People

God of every gift...  
**Supply grace and provide strength.**

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

Rev. Ron Dauphin

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

Offertory

Wonderful, Merciful Savior Sam Jungman & 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

Matthew 21:1-11

Mr. Collins

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Redeeming Stories: Highway to the Danger Zone*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"I wouldn't mind if to be a Christian were accepted as being the dangerous thing which it is; I wouldn't mind if, when a group of Christians meet for bread and wine, we might well be interrupted and jailed for subversive activities; I wouldn't mind if, once again, we were being thrown to the lions. I do mind, desperately, that the word "Christian" means for so many people smugness, and piosity, and holier-than-thouness. Who today can recognize a Christian because of 'how those Christians love one another?'"

—Madeleine L'Engle, *A Circle of Quiet*

Hymn of Communion 183

*We Meet You, O Christ*

STANLEY BEACH

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

NO TRAMP OF SOLDIERS' MARCHING FEET

*No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*<sup>3</sup>

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Mr. Collins

And all the people said...

**AMEN!**

No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet with ban - ners and with drums, no  
 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer; with palms his path is laid strown. With  
 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - down; the palms, how soon all its down! No  
 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake the cross and crown, its pains and  
 sound of mu - sic's mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!" To  
 ev - ery step the cross draws near: the King of glo - ry's throne. A -  
 bloom or leaf but on - ly thorn the King of glo - ry's crown. The  
 chose a ser - vant's form to take, the King of glo - ry reigns! Ho -  
 greet what pomp of king - ly pride no bells in tri - umph ring, no  
 stride a colt he pass - es by as loud ho - san - nas ring, or  
 sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries, the streets with tu - mult ring, as  
 san - na to the Sav - ior's name till heav - en's raf - ters ring, and  
 cit - y gates swing o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 else the ver - y stones would cry, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 Pi - late to the mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 all the ran - somed host pro - claim, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

<sup>1</sup>Lyrics by Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson, 1998 <sup>2</sup>Lyrics by Taizé Community, 1984 <sup>3</sup>Lyrics by Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1984

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Sunday, April 2    | 11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group in the Gibbens' Room |
|                    | 6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship                           |
| Monday, April 3    | 7:00pm: Wondering through Lent (Zoom)                                 |
| Tuesday, April 4   | 7:30am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)                        |
|                    | 5:30pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting (Hybrid)                        |
| Wednesday, April 5 | 7:00pm: theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube                    |
| Thursday, April 6  | 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday: Worship in the Sanctuary                     |
| Saturday, April 8  | 11:45pm: Easter Vigil in the Sanctuary                                |



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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