



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

Worship of God

April 9, 2023, 9:30am: Easter Sunday

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of the risen Christ 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling WACC Community Choir

Meditation for Preparation

“There are two basic motivating forces: fear and love. When we are afraid, we pull back from life. When we are in love, we open to all that life has to offer with passion, excitement, and acceptance. We need to learn to love ourselves first, in all our glory and our imperfections. If we cannot love ourselves, we cannot fully open to our ability to love others or our potential to create. Evolution and all hopes for a better world rest in the fearlessness and open-hearted vision of people who embrace life.”

–John Lennon

Hymn of Praise 216

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Invocation

Rev. Lisa Reshad

Hymn of Prayer 231

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

HOLY MANNA

Prayers of the People

God who walks beside us...
Free our hearts from every fear.

The Lord's Prayer CH 307

MALOTTE

Our father, which 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, Amen.

Invitation to Stewardship

Ms. Lauri Warfield

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

Offertory

Ms. Olivia Helman & Mr. Collins

Was It a Morning Like This?

Doxology 234

Doxology

DIADEMATA

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for all he came to save; his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

The Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Mr. Collins

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

Thanks be to God.

Discipline of Silence

“There is so much that is worthy of lament, of rage. Joy doesn’t preclude these emotional habits—it invites them. Joy situates every emotion within itself. It grounds them so that one isn’t overindulged while the others lie starving. Joy doesn’t replace any emotion; it holds them all and keeps any one of them from swallowing us whole. Society has failed to understand this. When it tells us to find joy in suffering, it is telling us to *let it go*, to *move on*, to *smile through it*. But joy says, *Hold on to your sorrow. It can rest safely here.*”

–Cole Arthur Riley, *This Here Flesh*

Hymn of Communion 229 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Bob Maxwell

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 Christ is a - live! No long - er but bound to dis - tant
 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 Yes! Ev - ery gen - der, age, and class can feel the
 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine. But sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find earth the way, the
 this and ev - ery age; till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope and has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

¹Lyrics by Brian Wren, 1975, rev.

Today's artwork is *Easter, Empty Tomb*, 1973. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

EASTER FLOWERS

IN HONOR OF

Barbara and Orville Terrell
Bud Simmons & family
Clifford 'Smitty' Smith
Diane & Jim Borthwick and James F Borthwick
Ed & Ruth Drugan
Elaine & Ernest Schmittgen, Jean & Don Willets
Frank and Joann Wargo
Harold Clement & Lisa Smith
Helen & Andrew Smith; Evelyn, Jack & Bruce Siffert
Jack Price & Darrell Harris
Loved Ones
Melanie Majewski
My dear parents, Mary & Joe Hochenedel
My grandmother, Lynda Atwood
My loving family & dear friends
Our dad, Clifford "Smitty" Smith
Our parents
Our parents
Wayne Lee

GIVEN BY

Jeanne Smith
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Ruth Reshad
Deborah S Willets
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Diane Clement
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Sheila Smith
Sheila Smith
Jane Hutson
Chad Vickers
Brenda Keenan
Lisa Ward & Jeremy Smith
Kathy and Mark Wainwright
Mary Lou Petersen
Dick Lee

IN HONOR OF

Audrey Price
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Candace Stroud
Sheila Smith
Rosalie & Jim Gainer
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Shelley Novak
Karen Melesky
Chad Vickers
Lisa Ward & Jeremy Smith
Susan & Mark Mathes
Nancy & Dan Walker
Nathan Russell

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 9 11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group in the Gibbens' Room
 6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship

Monday, April 10 11:00am: Funeral services for Phyllis Burke

Tuesday, April 11 5:30pm: Elders' Meeting (Hybrid)
 7:00pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Wednesday, April 12 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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