

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

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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

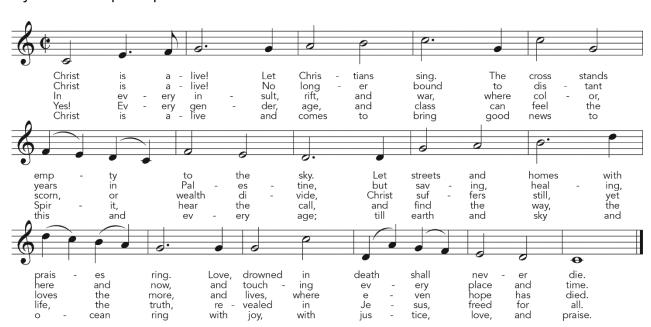
Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO



Postlude

Improv et Caprice And all the people said... AMEN!

Mr. Kevin Hebovia

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

GIVEN BY

Jeanne Smith

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 Sharon 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

Pauline Simmons Sheila Smith Laurie Figueroa & Pam Henry Ruth Reshad Deborah S Willets Ann Busch Diane Clement Shelley Novak 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 **GIVEN BY Audrey Price** Shelley Novak Lauri Warfield Karen Melesky Candace Stroud Chad Vickers Lisa Ward & Jeremy Smith Sheila Smith Rosalie & Jim Gainer Susan & Mark Mathes WACC Nancy & Dan Walker WACC Staff & Lay Leaders 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)

7:00pm: theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube Wednesday, April 12



Our parents Our parents

Wayne Lee

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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