



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

Worship of God

April 16, 2023, 9:30am: The Second Sunday of Easter

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	<i>Prelude in D Major</i>	Mr. Evan Collins
Meditation for Preparation		
	<p>"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">–Maya Angelou</p>	
Hymn of Praise 176	<i>Sing of God Made Manifest</i>	SALZBURG
Invocation		Mr. Dick Lee
Hymn of Prayer 230	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	NOËL NOUVELET
Prayers of the People	<p>God of resurrecting love... Call us back to life again.</p>	
The Lord's Prayer		
	<p>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.</p>	
Sung Response 317	<i>Amen</i>	AMEN
Invitation to Stewardship		Ms. Kathy Wainwright
	<p>Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.</p>	
Offertory	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	Mr. Collins
Doxology 234	<i>Doxology</i>	DIADEMATA
	<p>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.</p>	
The Reading	Acts 1:3-5, 12-14	Mr. Collins
	<p>For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.</p>	

Sermon

Active & Activating Faith: Now What? Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

“First, forget inspiration. Habit is more dependable. Habit will sustain you whether you're inspired or not. Habit will help you finish and polish your stories. Inspiration won't. Habit is persistence in practice.”

—Octavia Butler, *Bloodchild and Other Stories*

Hymn of Communion 422 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Megan Rowe

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*The Risen Christ*¹

WOODLANDS

The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed feet from gar - den
 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed side, breathes out his
 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed hand the bread for
 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand with those op -

tomb through dark - ened cit - y street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and
 Spir - it on them to a - bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be -
 those who fail to un - der - stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring
 pressed in this and ev - ery land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing

fear, and speaks a word of peace - to all who hear.
 lieve; new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 tears, in - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 be, re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns
And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Mr. Collins

¹Lyrics by Nigel Weaver, 1993

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 16	11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group in the Gibbens' Room
	6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship
Tuesday, April 18	7:45am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)
	7:00pm: Joanna Circle (Zoom)
Wednesday, April 19	7:00pm: theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube
Thursday, April 20	Building in use by Elyria Catholic High School



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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