



The People of
Washington Avenue

Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

gather for the
Worship of God

April 23, 2023, 9:30am:

The Third Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of the risen Christ is with you... Ms. Glennis Covault
And also with you!

Call to Worship

Lift up your hearts... Ms. Covault
We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude

A Pleasant Thought Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

"When you play the game of thrones, you win or you die. There is no middle ground."
—George R. R. Martin, *A Game of Thrones*

Hymn of Praise

See What Love We Have Been Given¹

JOYOUS LIGHT

Invocation

Ms. Lill McNeal

Hymn of Prayer

God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal²

JOYFUL SINGING

Prayers of the People

God of renewal...
Lead us on with hope and courage.

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 593

Lead Me, Lord

LEAD ME LORD

Invitation to Stewardship		Ms. Kristen Mayer
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Offertory	<i>O Breath of Life</i>	Mr. Collins
Doxology 234	<i>Doxology</i>	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	Acts 1:6-8	Mr. Collins
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.		
Sermon		Rev. Nathan A. Russell
<i>Active & Activating Faith: A Game of Thrones</i>		
Discipline of Silence	<p>"The Bible is, we might say, the primordial tale of the Game of Thrones: always aware of the way in which there seems to be no depth to which the powers will not stoop to maintain, protect, and preserve their own. All that is good and beautiful gets co-opted at best, corrupted at worst, into the ploys of the dominions."</p> <p>–Lee C. Camp, <i>Scandalous Witness</i></p>	
Hymn of Communion 518	<i>This Is a Day of New Beginnings</i>	BEGINNINGS
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Prayer at the Table		Ms. Janet Stevens-Brown
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 465	<i>We Are Called to Follow Jesus</i>	WE ARE CALLED
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>O God beyond All Praising</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	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 to 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 on the cross. We still
 chal - lenge moves us for - ward, tak - ing us 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 way ev - er lov - ing way. Take us

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

¹Lyrics by John A. Dalles, 2009;

²Marjorie Dobson, 2004

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 23	11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group in the Gibbens' Room
	6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship
Tuesday, April 25	4:00pm: Church Life & Growth Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
	6:30pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
Wednesday, April 26	7:00pm: theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube
Thursday, April 27	6:30pm: Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting (Zoom)



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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