

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

Ms. Glennis Covault

Greeting

The Spirit of the risen Christ is with you...

And also with you!

Call to Worship

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

Ms. Covault

Prelude

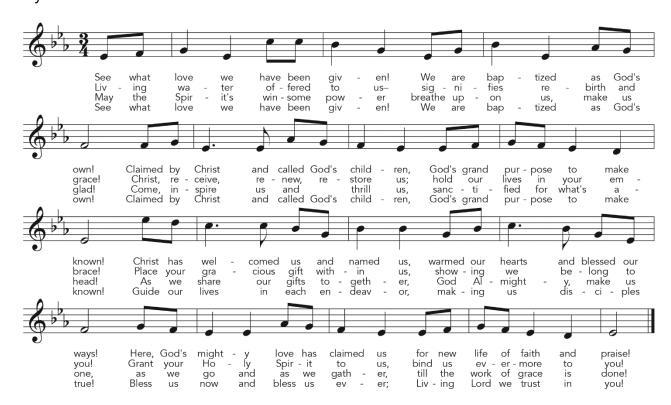
A Pleasant Thought

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



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 Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC. Ms. Kristen Mayer | | |
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| Offertory | O Breath of Life | Mr. Collins |
| Doxology 234 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 For the Word of C | Acts 1:6-8 God in its promise and covenant | Mr. Collins Thanks be to God. |
| Sermon Rev. Nathan A. Russell Active & Activating Faith: A Game of Thrones | | |
| Discipline of Silence "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." —Lee C. Camp, Scandalous Witness | | |
| Hymn of Communion 518 | This Is a Day of New Beginnings | 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 | We Are Called to Follow Jesus | WE ARE CALLED |
| Benediction and Charge | | Rev. Russell |
| Postlude | O God beyond All Praising And all the people said AMEN! | Mr. Collins |



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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