



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

Worship of God

May 7, 2023, 9:30am: The Fifth 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

Antiphon

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

“How disappointing it is, when we are rejected not only by the world, but also by the Church that has taught and nurtured us. It is difficult, if not impossible, to fully celebrate Christ in our lives, let alone encourage others to know the selfless love of Jesus, in a church that rejects, or at best ignores, Christians because of the norms of general society.”

—Charles A. Holt, *The Examiner*

Hymn of Praise

All Are Welcome¹

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and
 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren
 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on
 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,
 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer 565

WER NUR DEN LIBBEN GOT

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

Prayers of the People

God who guides us on the journey...
Give us strength and inspire our trust.

The Lord's Prayer 310

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Invitation to Stewardship

Ms. Mary Siwierka

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

Offertory

Préambule

Mr. Collins

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

Acts 17:1-4, 10-12

Mr. Collins

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Active & Activating Faith: Discerning Who We Will Become

Discipline of Silence

"Everywhere old moorings are breaking loose, deeply entrenched attitudes are being shaken, and traditional patterns of social life are gradually giving way and being replaced by new."

—Samuel Hill, *Southern Churches in Crisis*

Hymn of Communion 420

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Bring Forth the Kingdom²

BRING FORTH

You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
 We are a blessed and a pil - gram peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God! Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy;
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God! Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy;
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of just - ice, grow in the king - dom of God! Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy;
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God! Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy;

bring forth the king-dom of peace; bring forth the king-dom of jus-tice; bring forth the cit-y of God!

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Fantasia in G

Mr. Collins

And all the people said... **AMEN!**

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Sunday, May 7 | 11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group (Gibbens Room) |
| | 6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship |
| Tuesday, May 9 | 7:45am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom) |
| | 5:30pm: Elder's Meeting (Hybrid) |
| | 7:00pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid) |
| Wednesday, May 10 | 7:00pm: theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube |
| Thursday, May 11 | 8:00pm: Nominating Committee Meeting (Hybrid) |



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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