

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

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

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



Invocation

Ms. Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer 565

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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.

Invitation to Stewardship

Ms. Mary Siwierka

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

Offertory

Préambule

Mr. Collins

Doxology 234

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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

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Commune

Ms. Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution

Hymn of Discipleship

Prayer at the Table

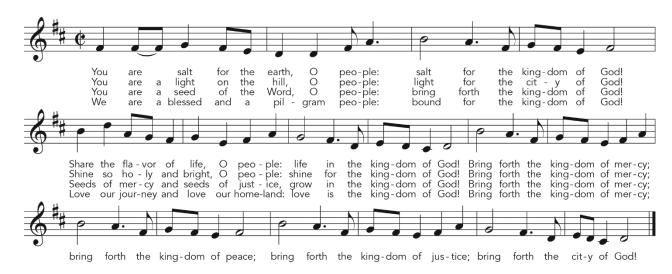
Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

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Bring Forth the Kingdom²

BRING FORTH



Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Fantasia in G
And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Mr. Collins

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

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 7:00pm: 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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