



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

Worship of God

May 14, 2023, 9:30am: The Sixth 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

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

“True hope is always related to belief in the constancy of God’s motherly embrace. The awareness that there is a divine presence that can ‘break our fall’ rescues hope from being synonymous with optimism and places it in the arena of courage, where it belongs.”

—Tom Stella, *A Faith Worth Believing*

Hymn of Praise 686

Of Women, and of Women’s Hopes We Sing

SURSUM CORDA

Invocation

Ms. Jane Hutson

Hymn of Prayer

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky¹

RISING SUN

We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild-flow-ers grow-ing, for we are part of all that
 When bod-ies shiv-er in the night and, wea-ry, wait for morn-ing, when chil-dren have no bread but
 God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in crea-at-ing a fu-ture free from want and

is with-in life's riv-er flow-ing. With o-pen hands re-ceive and share the gifts of
 tears, and war-horns sound their warn-ing. God calls hu-man-i-ty to wake, to join in
 fear, life's good-ness cel-e-brat-ing. That new world beck-ons from a-far, in-vides our

God's cre-a-tion, that all may have a-bun-dant life in ev-ery earth-ly na-tion.
 com-mon la-bor, that all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their neigh-bor.
 shared en-deav-or, that all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-ev-er.

Prayers of the People

God, who calls humanity to wake...

Let all have abundant life.

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 314

Amen

AMEN

Invitation to Stewardship

Mr. Gerald Western

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

Offertory

Colorful Creator

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 17:22-34

Mr. Collins

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Active & Activating Faith: Search and Be Found

Discipline of Silence

"This is to mother you to comfort you and get you through / Through when your nights are lonely / Through when your dreams are only blue / this is to mother you."

—Sinead O'Connor, *This Is to Mother You*

Hymn of Communion *Coming Together for Wine and for Bread²*

BANQUET

Com - ing to - geth - er for wine and for bread, tast - ing the sto - ry and hear - ing it read,
 Who will be hun - gry if, hear - ing the call, we of - fer seats at our ban - quet to all?
 Here at this ta - ble, we're wel - comed by name; all are in - vi - ted, each seat is the same.
 Bless - ing this ta - ble the Spir - it is here grant - ing us vi - sion, so sud - den - ly clear:

know - ing our hun - ger and shar - ing the meal o - pens our eyes to see Je - sus is real.
 Who is re - got - ten? Who will we ig - nore? Who is the out - cast that knocks at our door?
 Serv - ing, re - ceiv - ing, and eat - ing the feast hum - iles the haugh - ty and hon - ors the least.
 shar - ing and serv - ing, the bod - y is fed, nour - ished by Je - sus, the Wine and the Bread.

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Western

Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 685		ONE WORLD
	<i>God Made All the People of the World</i>	
Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>O Breath of Life</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Mr. Collins

¹Lyrics by Ruth Duck, 1992

²Lyrics by Adam M. L. Tice

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 14	11:00am: Two or More: Scripture Discussion Group (Gibbens Room)
	6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship
Monday, May 15	5:00pm: Dream Team meeting with Glennis Covault (Zoom)
Tuesday, May 16	7:45am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)
	5:00om: Outreach Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
	7:00pm: Joanna Circle Gathering (Hybrid)
Wednesday, May 17	11-2pm: Labyrinth Open
	7:00pm: theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube
Thursday, May 18	10:00am: All-Church Social Hour (Zoom)



We are thrilled that you are worshipping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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