

¹v. 1-2, 4 Laurentius Laurenti, 1700, trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854
v. 3 Nathan A. Russell, 2023; Music; Welsh Folk Melody, 1972

²Lyrics by Nathan A. Russell, 2021; Music Hans L. Hassler

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 3

- 11:00am: Two Or More: Scripture discussion group (Gibbens Room)

Tuesday, March 5

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 6

- 10:00-12:00am: Sabbatical Planning Committee Mtg.

Thursday, March 7

- 10:00-11:00am All Church Social Hour (Zoom)

Friday, March 8

- 7:00-8:30pm: Lenten Study (Zoom)



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

Worship of God

March 3, 9:30am: 3rd Sunday in Lent

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of God is with you...
And also with you!

Glennis Covault

Call to Worship

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

Mark Mathes

Prelude

Christa Rakich

Meditation for Preparation

"Well, we're given three instructions before all else: Love God, Love People, Love Self. Let me say that again, Love God, Love People, and Love Self."

—Dr. Eugene Gibson Jr., *Love God, Love People, Love Self*



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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Hymn of Praise *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers!* LLANGLOFFAN

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen - ish them with oil;
 We sing to use the wait - ing; we pray to mark the time
 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and the shad - ows length - en here.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 as we look from a dis - tance for God's mys - te - r'ous sign.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - oved sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;
 We hope with poign - ant ach - ing, our hearts cry out, "How long?"
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!
 Yet we trust God is stir - ring to fell the powr's of wrong.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee.

Invocation *Debbie Walker*

Hymn of Prayer 593 *Lead Me, Lord* LEAD ME LORD

Prayers of the People *God of Mercy... Hear Our Prayer.* Lauri Warfield

The Lord's Prayer
Our Mother/Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin*dom 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 kin*dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

Congregational Response *Hear Now the Prayers We Offer²* PASSION CHORALE

Hear now the prayers we of - fer, O God, our guide and friend. On this, our Lent - en
 jour - ney, please lead us toward your end. Con - vict, cor - rect, and heal us, trans -
 form - ing all our ways. Your grace and tend - er mer - cies shall fol - low all our days.

Invitation to Stewardship *Debbie Walker*

Offertory *Christa Rakich*

Doxology *Doxology* WONDROUS LOVE
To God and to the Lamb we will sing, we will sing, to God and to the Lamb we will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, we will sing, we will sing, while millions join the theme, we will sing!

The Reading *James 2:14-19, 24-26* Sol M. Rizzato
 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *I Have a Question* Sol M. Rizzato

Discipline of Silence
 "This evergreen, this heart, this soul, now moves us to remake our world, reminds us how we are to be your people born to dream. How old this joy, how strong this call, to sing your radiant care with every voice, in cloudless hope of our belonging here."
 -Michael Dennis Browne and Craig Hella Johnson, *All of Me (from Considering Matthew Shepard)*

Hymn of Communion 503 *O Christ, the Healer* ROCKINGHAM

Invitation to Commune Lauri Warfield

Prayer at the Table Mark Mathes

Words of Institution Lauri Warfield

Invitation to Discipleship Mark Mathes

Hymn of Discipleship 472 *We Are Living, We Are Dwelling* EBENEZER

Benediction and Charge Mark Mathes

Postlude *And all the people said... AMEN!* Christa Rakich