



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

Worship of God

March 31, 2024, 9:30am: Easter Sunday

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!

Glennis Covault

Meditation for Preparation

"I learned from Job that sometimes things happen in the world that don't make much sense to us human beings. I learned from Abraham what it's like to have your name changed. I learned from the apostle Philip that sometimes you have to say yes to God even when you have no idea what God is doing. And of course I learned from Jesus, who after his resurrection chose to show his body to the disciples—a body that was scarred and transformed, and yet still his own."

—Austen Hartke, *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*

Hymn of Praise

An Easter Hymn¹

HYFRYDOL



We, with wom - en, here have trav - eled to find clo - sure in our grief.
 Hearts are rac - ing, fears are chas - ing, doubts as - sail - ing, they con - fuse.
 Leav - ing quick - ly, as in - struct - ed, our worst fears can - not de - stroy
 Look! The light of God sur - pris - es on this res - ur - rec - tion morn!



Yet, we feel the earth is quak - ing right be - neath our trem - bling feet.
 But, the an - gel of God's jus - tice says, "Fear not! I bring good news!
 the good news to us en - trust - ed. Let the whole wide world en - joy!
 We have seen it! We have felt it! Love and hope are now re - born!



Could this mean that Christ is ris - en and the stone is rolled a - way?
 Je - sus, cru - ci - fied, is ris - en! Come and see where he was laid.
 Je - sus greets us on the jour - ney, and we wor - ship Christ, so dear.
 Hear our shouts of gos - pel good - ness: "Christ is ris - en! Death is gone!"



Let us ven - ture to the grave site where we think his bod - y lay.
 Then go quick - ly to his fol - low'rs. Tell them of this Eas - ter day!"
 Now we make our on - ward jour - ney to dis - ci - ples eve - ry - where.
 Let us rise as East - er peo - ple to re - joice and greet the dawn!

Invocation

Lauri Warfield

Hymn of Prayer 231

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

HOLY MANNA

Prayers of the People

Don Hange, Jr.

God who walks beside us...
Give us words of comfort, energy, and light.

The Lord's Prayer 307

MALOTTE

Our Mother/Father/Creator, which 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. AMEN.

Invitation to Stewardship		Gerald Western
Offertory	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia! (Healy Willan)</i>	Sol M. Rizzato
Doxology 234	<i>Doxology</i>	DIADEMATA
	Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.	
The Reading	John 20:1-18 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God!	Allen V. Harris
Sermon	<i>Attending the Body</i>	Nathan A. Russell
Discipline of Silence	"It's not our job to do resurrection. Our job, if we're thinking about scripture, is to go to the tomb with spices to finish a funeral. That is our act of faithfulness." –Ashley Dargai	
Hymn of Communion 230	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	NOËL NOUVELET
Invitation to Commune		Allen V. Harris
Prayer at the Table		Debby Willets
Words of Institution		Allen V. Harris
Invitation to Discipleship		Nathan A. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 216	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	EASTER HYMN
Benediction and Charge		Debby Willets

Go forth with renewed hope, trusting in the transforming love of God.

God does not leave things as they are; with God, all things are made new.

All creation responds to God's presence; the world is alive with possibility.

We open ourselves to this truth; with Christ, we trust our whole lives to this power.

Nothing is beyond the reach of God; neither evil, nor hardship, nor death.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

Postlude	<i>Organ Symphony No. 5 in F minor, V. Toccata (Charles-Marie Widor)</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Sol M. Rizzato
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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 31

- 11:00am: Easter Coffee Hour & Reception in the Narthex & Parlors.
- 6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of Morning Worship

Monday, April 1

- 3:00-4:00pm: Worship Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)

Tuesday, April 2

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 7:00pm: Logistical Planning Meeting (Hybrid)

Wednesday, April 3

- 10:00am-12:00pm: Sabbatical Planning Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)

Thursday, April 4

- 10:00-11:00am: All-Church Social Hour (Zoom)
- 7:00-9:00pm: Creation Care Mtg. (Zoom)

EASTER FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF

My parents
 Barbara Terrell
 Weber & Rowe Parents
 Andrew Rowe
 Elaine & Ernest Schmittgen
 Jean & Don Willets
 Donald J. Willets
 Barbara Lloyd
 Ken Mundorf
 Rosalie Gainer
 Our Parents
 Marye & Joe Hochenedel
 My family & dear friends
 Jack Price
 Herman Bredenbeck
 Bud Simmons & family
 Our loved ones

GIVEN BY

Jan Moore
 Jan Moore
 Megan & Marty Rowe
 Megan & Marty Rowe
 Debby & Mike Willets
 Debby & Mike Willets
 Debby & Mike Willets
 Debby & Mike Willets
 Mary Lou & Alan Petersen
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 Jane Hutson
 Brenda Keenan
 Shelley Novak
 Kristen B. Mayer
 Polly Simmons
 Kathy & Mark Wainwright

IN HONOR OF

Brenda Moore
 Our family
 Audrey Price
 Simmons-Hughes Family
 Family
 WACC Staff & Lay Leaders

GIVEN BY

Jan Moore
 Mary Lou & Alan Petersen
 Shelley Novak
 Polly Simmons
 Ruth Reshad
 Nathan A. Russell



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