



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

Worship of God

Sunday, April 7, 2024, 9:30am: 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude

Rees Taylor Roberts

Meditation for Preparation

"The disciples wanted to cower in fear. They did not want Jesus to leave. They wanted everything to stay the same. Yet something was changing; the certainty they had known was eroding under their feet. Maybe Jesus was not quite who they had imagined him to be, their friend, teacher, Savior, and Lord. Some of their relatives did not like Jesus, one of their own had already left and would betray Jesus, religious authorities were testing them, and the Romans considered them all troublemakers."

—Diana Butler Bass, *Freeing Jesus*

Hymn of Praise

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, er and war, where col - or,
 Yes! Ev - ery gen - der, age, and class bring can feel the
 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, and hear the call, and find the way, yet
 this and ev - ery age; and till earth and sky and the and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope and has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Invocation

Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer

God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal

JOYFUL SINGING

God of dawn, each day's re - new - al brings the world in - to your light as your
 Christ, you walked the world as we do, knew its hu - man pain and loss as your
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in - spi - ra - tion, light and truth and root of prayer, as your
 Praise to God, who spoke cre - a - tion, giv - ing life to time and space. Praise to

son de - feats the shad - ows, drives a - way the fear of night. We would
 love broke through the bar - riers, by your death up - on the cross. We still
 chal - lenge moves us for - ward, tak - ing us we know not where, we will
 Christ, whose liv - ing pres - ence showed the world your hu - man face. Praise the

greet this new be - gin - ning as you call to start a - gain; lead us
 speak your gos - pel mes - sage, though two thou - sand years have gone; help us
 fol - low your di - rec - tion, though the way may not be clear. Shape us,
 Spir - it, dai - ly wit - ness to your ev - er - lov - ing way. Take us

on with hope and cour - age, make your will pres - ent pur - pose plain.
 now trans - late its mean - ing in this pres - ent world of wrong.
 change us, re - cre - ate us, so the fu - ture holds no fear.
 now and re - a - wake us, chal - lenge us to use this day.

Prayers of the People

Light of truth and root of prayer...
Shape, change, and recreate us.

Nancy Walker

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.

Sung Response 583

Lead Me, Guide Me

LEAD ME GUIDE ME

Invitation to Stewardship

Ron Dauphin

Offertory

Rees Taylor Roberts

Doxology

Praise to the Living God

DIADEMATA



Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, be - yond the grasp of
hu - man mind, but whom we know as Love. In these tu - mul - tuous days, so
full of hope and strife, may we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

The Reading

John 14:1-7
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

An Expression of Confidence

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"But to look back from the stony plain along the road which led one to that place is not at all the same thing as walking on the road; the perspective, to say the very least, changes only with the journey; only when the road has, all abruptly and treacherously, and with an absoluteness that permits no argument, turned or dropped or risen is one able to see all that one could not have seen from any other place."

—James Baldwin, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Hymn of Communion 397

Come, Risen Lord

HOLBORN

Invitation to Commune

Nancy Walker

Prayer at the Table

Don Hange, Jr.

Words of Institution

Nancy Walker

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 633

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

LANCASHIRE

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Rees Taylor Roberts

And all the people said...
AMEN!

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 7

- 11:00-12:00pm: Speaking Christian Book Study
- 6:00pm: Online Worship Premiere on YouTube

Tuesday, April 9

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elder's Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Saturday, April 13

- 8:30am: Call for volunteers assisting with memorial service
- 10:00am: Calling Hours for the Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long
- 11:00am: Memorial Service for the Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long



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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