

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... Glennis Covault

And also with you!

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Glennis Covault

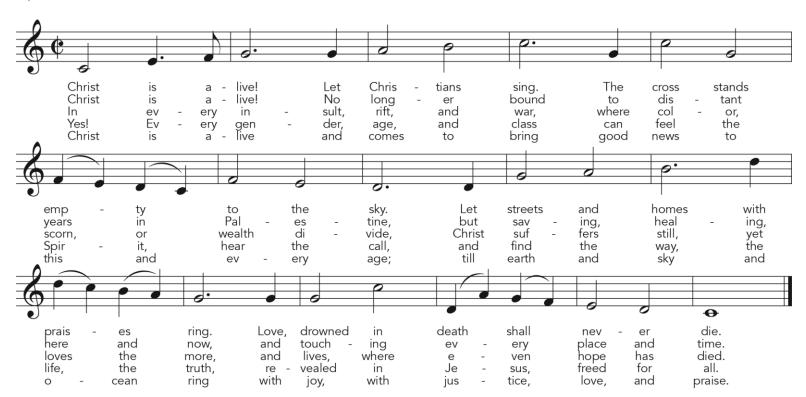
We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude Rees Taylor Roberts

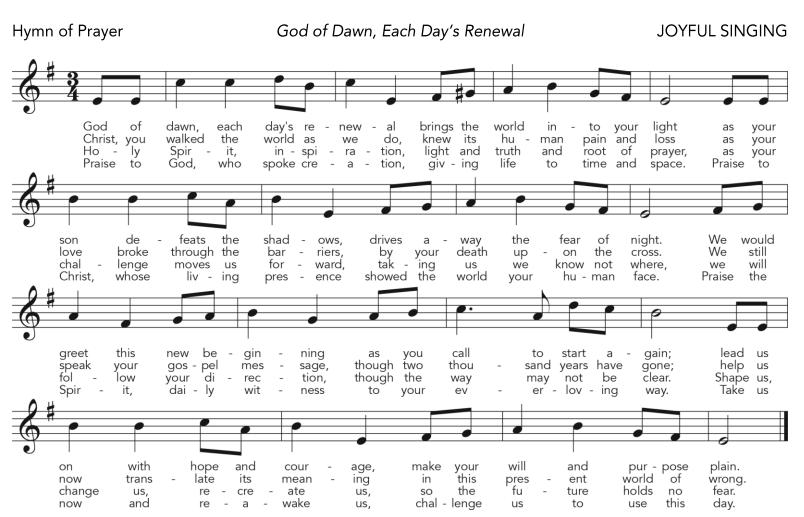
## Meditation for Preparation

"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



Invocation Debbie 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



The Reading

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

Nathan A. Russell

Thanks be to God!

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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