

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

# Worship of God

April 28, 20204, 9:30am: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour The Atwood Carillon

Greeting The Spirit of God is with you... Don Hange, Jr.

And also with you!

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Don Hange, Jr.

We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude Sol M. Rizzato

#### Meditation for Preparation

"We wanderers, ever seeking the lonelier way, begin no day where we have ended another day; and no sunrise finds us where sunset left us. Even while the earth sleeps, we travel. We are the seeds of the tenacious plant, and it is in our ripeness and our fullness of heart that we are given to the wind and are scattered."

-Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet

Hymn of Praise 277

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

**HOLY MANNA** 

Invocation

Bob Maxwell

Hymn of Prayer 509

Holy and Good Is the Gift of Desire

**ANGELIQUE** 

Prayers of the People

God of desire...

Help us shine your image and name.

Janet Stevens-Brown

The Lord's Prayer 307

MALOTTE

Our Mother/Father/Parent 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

Lauri Warfield

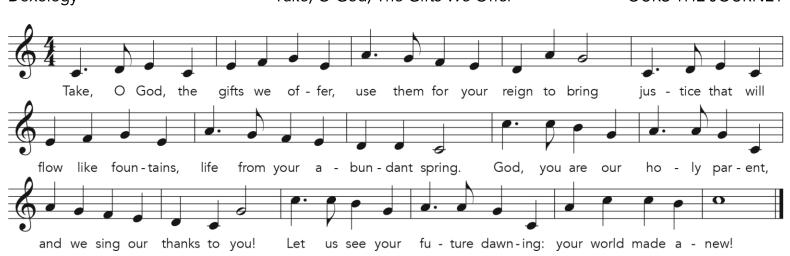
Offertory

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

Take, O God, The Gifts We Offer<sup>1</sup>

**OURS THE JOURNEY** 



The Reading

Acts 8:1-12

Nathan A. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Great Joy in the City

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Cannery Row in Monterey in California is a poem, a stink, a grating noise, a quality of light, a tone, a habit, a nostalgia, a dream. Cannery Row is the gathered and scattered, tin and iron and rust and splintered wood, chipped pavement and weedy lots and junk heaps, sardine canneries of corrugated iron, honky tonks, restaurants and whore houses, and little crowded groceries, and laboratories and flophouses. Its inhabitant are, as the man once said, 'whores, pimps, gambler and sons of bitches,' by which he meant Everybody. Had the man looked through another peephole he might have said, 'Saints and angels and martyrs and holy men' and he would have meant the same thing."

-John Steinbeck, Cannery Row

Invitation to Commune Janet Stevens-Brown Prayer at the Table Don Hange, Jr. Words of Institution Janet Stevens-Brown Invitation to Discipleship Nathan A. Russell Hymn of Discipleship Mighty God Who Called Creation<sup>2</sup> WEISSE FLAGGEN Might - y who called of God cre а tion from the un - formed womb space, wor - ship, Spir - it Je - sus pow'r flesh prayer, blood, м́е breathe through us the of As` may your Root - ed of the - sus, in nour ished' by his and love ing, grief Keep faith - ful, joy ful, lov filled with hope through us and pain, glo - ry, liv - ing, worlds of born fresh with hope new gleam - ing and ripe with grace: dai - ly fruit - ful words of life for strength ďo and faith dare. to to vine - yard mut we prove а joined in ual serv ant - hood. who made us knów - ing that the One has re deemed and will sus - tain: speak Come, gain power prom - ise when fear Pen with and the storms of in а crease;

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Today's artwork is *The Parable of the Sower* (1973) and is part of the JESUS MAFA series. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed into paintings.

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

### Sunday, April 28

- 11:00am: Speaking Christan Book Study
- 6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of Morning Worship

#### Monday, April 29

- 10:00-11:30am: Church Women United
- 1:00-3:00pm: Nominating Committee (Hybrid)

# Tuesday, April 30

- 7:30-830am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 4:00-5:00pm: Church Life & Growth (Zoom)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Christian Education (Hybrid)

# Thursday, May 2

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



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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