



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

Worship of God

April 17, 2025, 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

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

Nathan A. Russell

Prelude

Abide With Me (John L. Edwards)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"I used to think this day was called Monday Thursday, which, of course, makes no sense whatsoever; it's actually called Maundy Thursday, which also makes no sense whatsoever until you realize the word Maundy originates from the Latin, *mandatum*, which means a command, or order. [On this night, Jesus] gives us a new *mandatum*, a new commandment, to love as he has loved. This is Christ's command, that we love one another."

—Nadia Bolz-Weber

Hymn of Praise 636

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

Invocation

Megan Rowe

Hymn of Prayer

We Read the Cross¹

SHEPHERD'S PIPES



We read the cross so man - y ways: a sac - ri - fice, a sign,
Our hearts will nev - er and com - pre - hend the mean - ing of the cross,
To bear the cross and fol - low Christ brings then both joy and tears,
a cuase for grief, a cause for praise, a par - a - dox to mine,
if brings all our re - born and sac - ri - fice, at on - ly death and loss,
The judg - ment on our lives of sin, a tool of death and pain,
brings cross all that the am - bi - gu - i - ty at of reach - ing noon - day's height
a stands junc - tion where new lives be - gin, where grace and mer - cy reign.
yet emp - ty as when well the eas - ter hymn greets morn - ing's wel - come light.
brings as well the the clar - i - ty of love's e - ter - nal way.

Call to Confession

Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Communion 200

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

Invitation to Commune

Nancy Walker

Prayer at the Table

Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution

Nancy Walker

Introduction to Readings

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn 210

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

The Reading of the Passion According to Mark and the Extinguishing of Lights

Mark 14:32-37

Dan Clark

Sung Reflection

Stay with Me²

STAY WITH ME



Mark 14:38-44

Don Hange, Jr.

Mark 14:45-52

Mark Mathes

Mark 14:53-59

Steve Mayer

Mark 14:60-67

Lill McNeal

Mark 14:68-72

Sue Pray

Mark 15:1-7

Pam Sheetz

Mark 15:8-15

Nancy Walker

Mark 15:16-24

Lauri Warfield

Mark 15:25-32

Gerald Western

Mark 15:33-39

Debby Willets

Sung Reflection

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Mark 15:40-47

Nathan A. Russell

Please hold the next few minutes in silence and contemplation.

Today's artwork Francis Newton Souza's 'The Last Supper,' a reinterpretation of Leonardo Da Vinci's late 15th-century mural, is a tour de force in the artist's œuvre. Painted in 1990, over forty years after the artist's entry into the world of modernist art, the canvas bestows a bold and towering gravitas upon enduring themes and ideas. In reworking one of the most recognizable images in the Western consciousness, Souza powerfully asserts his iconic and distinctive artistic style. A print of this artwork was donated to WACC in 2023 and now hangs in the office hallway.

¹WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger, 2015; MUSIC: Annabeth McClelland Gay, 1952

²WORDS and MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 20

- 9:30am: Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00am: Easter Study: *Unsettling Lent* (Gibbens Room)
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, April 22

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 3:00-4:30pm: Outreach Committee Mtg. (Zoom) Rescheduled from 4/16



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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