



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

Worship of God

April 20, 2025; 9:30am: Easter Sunday

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

Toccata on "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (Diane Bish)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"In art, either as creators or as participators, we are helped to remember some of the glorious things we have forgotten, and some of the terrible things we are asked to endure, we who are children of God by adoption and grace."

—Madeleine L'Engle, *Walking on Water*



With the wom - en we have come here, seek - ing clo - sure for our grief,
 As we move there, hearts are rac - ing, fears as - sail, and doubts con - fuse.
 Sent forth with this, won - drous mes - sage, we are freed from doubt and fear,
 How the light of God sur - pris - es on this res - ur - rec - tion morn!

ev - en though the earth is quak - ing un - der - neath our un - sure feet.
 Then de - clares God's ra - diant an - gel: "Do not fear! our I bring - sure good news!
 and to us has been en - trust - ed it! "Do good news for the world to hear.
 We have seen it! We have felt it! Love and hope are now re - born!

Could this mean that Christ is ris - en? Could the stone be rolled a - way?
 Christ the cru - ci - fied met by Je - sus, whom we wor - ship and emp - ty tomb.
 Trav - 'ling, we are of gos - pel good - ness: "Christ is ris - en! Death is gone!"
 Raise the shout of

Do we dare to view the grave - site where his wound - ed bod - y lay.
 Quick - ly go and tell we his fol - low'rs Christ has con - quered death's dread doom."
 with whose bless - ing as East - er peo - ple to re - joice and greet the dawn!
 Let us rise as

Invocation

Janet Stevens-Brown

Hymn of Prayer

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ²

SURSUM CORDA



E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ, we know not how to
 Come, pray in the vi - sion and we the strength this we day; need help to serve our God your
 ask or what to say; We on - ly know our need, as deep as
 pur - pose and your will; where we have failed, what we have done a -
 all hu - man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment of our live in love out -

life, and on - ly you can teach us how to pray.
 miss; held our in life for in giv - ing love, let e - ter - nal - ly.
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Prayers of the People

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ...
 Teach us how to pray.

Don Hange, Jr.

Sung Response 307	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	MALOTTE
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Invitation to Stewardship		Ron Dauphin
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Offertory	<i>Suite Gothique, Op. 25, III. Prière à Notre-Dame</i> (Léon Boëllmann)	Sol M. Rizzato
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Doxology	<i>Easter Doxology</i> ³	SINE NOMINE
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Now is Christ raised and will not die a - gain; death has no more do -

min - ion o - ver him. Through him we die to sin and live to God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Reading	Luke 24:1-12 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God!	Nathan A. Russell
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Sermon	<i>Try to Remember</i>	Nathan A. Russell
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Discipline of Silence

"Memory (the deliberate act of remembering) is a form of willed creation. It is not an effort to find out the way it really was--that is research. The point is to dwell on the way it appeared and why it appeared in that particular way."

—Toni Morrison, *The Source of Self-Regard*

Hymn of Communion 403	<i>In Remembrance of Me</i>	RED
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Invitation to Commune		Don Hange, Jr.
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Prayer at the Table		Mark Mathes
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Words of Institution		Don Hange, Jr.
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Invitation to Discipleship		Nathan A. Russell
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Hymn of Discipleship 216	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	EASTER HYMN
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Benediction and Charge		Nathan A. Russell
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Postlude	<i>Organ Symphony No. 5 in F minor, V. Toccata</i> (Charles-Marie Widor) And all the people said... AMEN!	Sol M. Rizzato
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Today's artwork is *The Empty Tomb* by He Qi © <https://www.heqiart.com/>.

¹WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2022; MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830

³WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

²WORDS: Frank von Christiernson, 1974, alt.; MUSIC: Alfred Motton Smith, 1941

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 20

- 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}

✿EASTER FLOWERS✿

IN MEMORY OF

Loved Ones
Brenda Keenan
Elaine & Ernest Schmittgen
Jean & Don Willets
Barbara Schmittgen Lloyd
Donald Joseph Willets
Janet A. Long
Our Parents
Bob & Lois Rieth
Red & Peg Stevens
Bud Simmons
Wakefield Families

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Jane Hutson
Debby Willets
Debby Willets
Debby Willets
Dan Clark
Sandy Rieth
Sandy Rieth
Sandy Rieth
Polly Simmons
Polly Simmons

IN MEMORY OF

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Brenda & Frank Moore
Karen Wehman
Bob Hancock
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Harold Clement
Lisa Smith

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Audrey Price
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Nathan A. Russell



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