



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

Worship of God

May 4, 2025; 9:30am: Third Sunday of Easter

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 *Be Still and Know with Be Still, My Soul* (arr. M. Hayes) Lisa Miragliotta-Van Scyoc

Meditation for Preparation
“What I ask my white students to do, and what I ask of you, my dear friends, is to try, the best you can, to surrender your innocence, to reject the willful denial of history and to live fully in our complicated present with all of the discomfort it brings.”
–Michael Eric Dyson, *Tears We Cannot Stop*

Hymn of Praise 12 *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud* ABERYSTWYTH

Invocation Bob Rieth

Hymn of Prayer *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*¹ (Reverse) PICARDY

Prayers of the People Lill McNeal
God, the everlasting instant...
Give us your peace amid strife.

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 306 *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* HEAR OUR PRAYER

Invitation to Stewardship Kim Wilhelm

Offertory *Meditation* (J. Massenet) Lisa Miragliotta-Van Scyoc

Doxology *Now Is Christ Raised*² SINE NOMINE

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 12:49-53 Nathan A. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Conflict and Comfort* Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Our resistance to talking about anything 'too political' may stem from a protective stance that shields us from encountering realities in the world around us that puncture our sense of comfort and safety. But the church has had enough custodians of comfort. The faith of Jesus is a faith of risk that summons us into courageous solidarity with the vulnerable."

—Cody J. Sanders, *Following Jesus Means Choosing Sides, Making Stands, and Taking Risks*

Hymn of Communion 392

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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Invitation to Commune

Lill McNeal

Prayer at the Table

Debby Willets

Words of Institution

Lill McNeal

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle³

EBENEZER

God, whose pur - pose is to kin - dle, now ig - nite us with your fire.
God, who still a sword de - liv - ers ra - ther than a pla - cid peace,
God, who in your ho - ly gos - pel wills that all should tru - ly live,
While the earth a - waits your burn - ing, with your pas - sion us in - spire.
with your sharp - ened word dis - turb us, from com - pla - cen - cy re - lease!
make us sense our share of fail - ure, our tran - quil - i - ty for - give.
O - ver - come our sin - ful calm - ness, stir us with your sav - ing name.
Save us now from sat - is - fac - tion, when we pri - vate - ly are free,
Teach us cour - age as we strug - gle in all lib - er - a - ting strife.
Bap - tize with your fier - y Spir - it, crown our lives with tongues of flame.
yet are un - dis - turb - ed in spir - it by our neigh - bor's mis - er - y.
Lift the small - ness of our vi - sion by your own a - bun - dant life.

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Sinfonietta (G. F. Handel)

Lisa Miragliotta-Van Scyoc

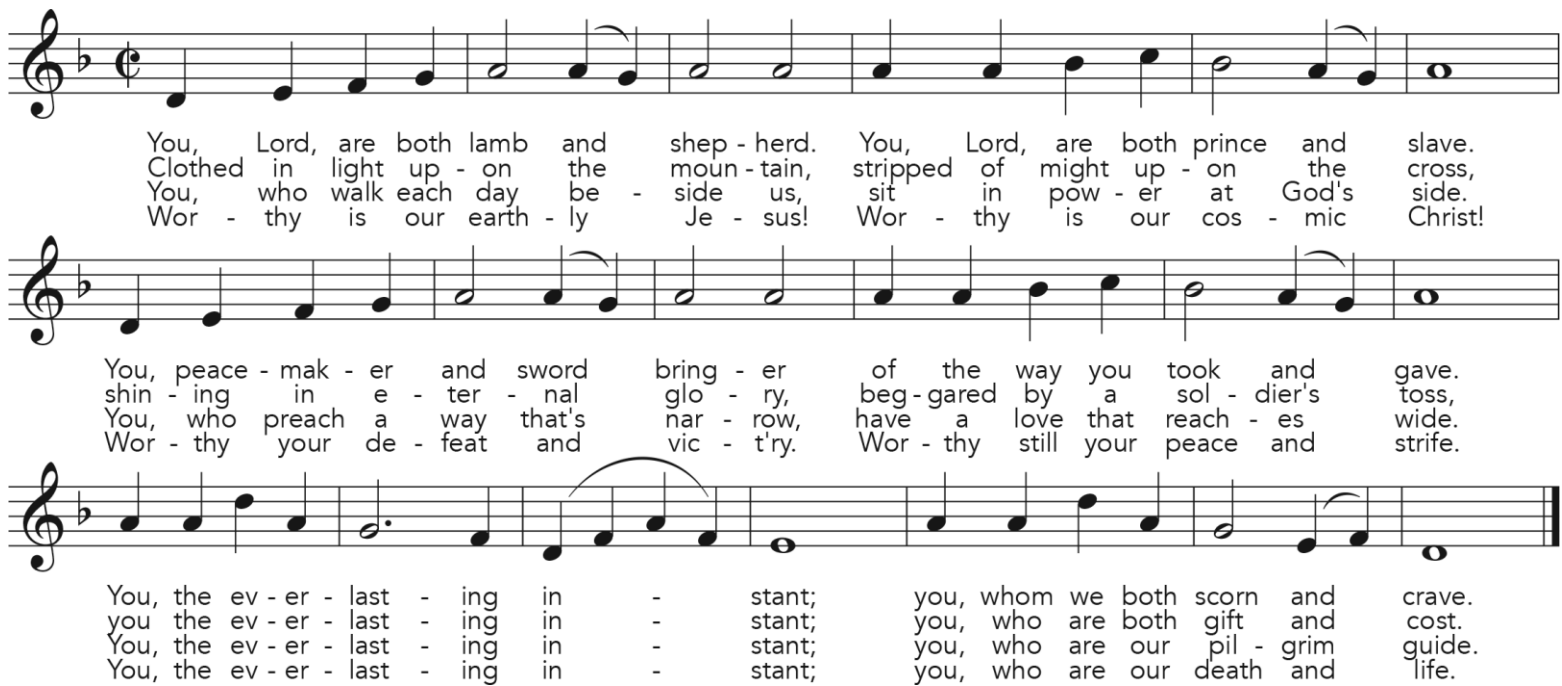
And all the people said...

AMEN!

¹WORDS: Sylvia Dunstant, 1991; MUSIC: French carol, 17th century

²WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

³WORDS: D. Elton Trueblood, 1967, alt.; MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams, 1890



You, Lord, are both lamb and shep - herd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain, stripped of might up - on the cross,
You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!

You, peace - mak - er and sword bring - er of the way you took and gave.
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry, beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row, have a love that reach - es wide.
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry. Wor - thy still your peace and strife.

You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are both gift and cost.
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 4

- 11:00am: Two Or More: Scripture discussion group (Gibbens Room)
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, May 6

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:30-1:00pm: Church Life & Growth Committee Mtg. at the Foundry
- 5:30-6:30pm: Stewardship Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 7

- 10:00-12:00pm: Just Values Committee Meeting (Hybrid)



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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