



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

Worship of God

May 11, 2025; 9:30am: Fourth 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

Prelude on "ROCKINGHAM" (T. Frederick H. Candlyn)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human."

—Henri J. M. Nouwen

Hymn of Praise 503

O Christ the Healer

ROCKINGHAM

Invocation

Bob Maxwell

Hymn of Prayer 506

Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill

HEALER

Prayers of the People

Debby Willets

Healer of our every ill...
Give us hope beyond our sorrow.

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 504

Heal Us, Hands of Jesus

SOUTHWELL



Heal us, hands of Je - sus, and search out all our pain re - store our hope, re - move our fear, and bring us peace a - gain.

Invitation to Stewardship

Virginia Douglas

Offertory

Andante Tranquillo (C.H. Lloyd)

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

Now Is Christ Raised!

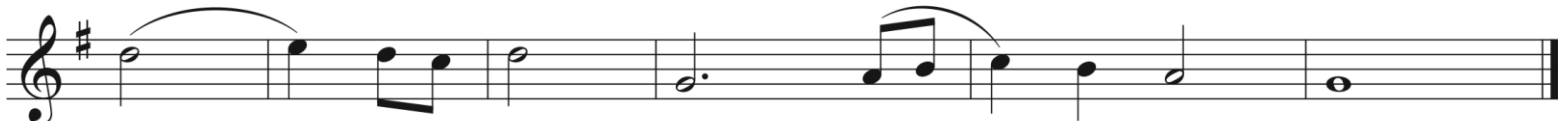
SINE NOMINE



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 13:10-17

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

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Keeping Sabbath

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Discipline of Silence

"There is a realm of time where the goal is not to have but to be, not to own but to give, not to control but to share, not to subdue but to be in accord. Life goes wrong when the control of space, the acquisition of things of space, becomes our sole concern."

—Abraham Joshua Heschel, *The Sabbath*

Hymn of Communion

Coming together for Wine and for Bread^P

BANQUET

Com - ing to - geth - er for wine and for bread, tast - ing the
Who will be hun - gry if, hear - ing the call, of - fer
Here at this ta - ble, we're wel - comed by name; are in -
Bless - ing this ta - ble the Spir - it is here grant - ing us -

sto - ry and hear - ing it read, know - ing our hun - ger and
seats at our ban - quet to all? Who is for - got - ten? Who
vi - ted, each seat - is the same. Serv - ing, re - ceiv - ing, and
vi - sion, so sud - den - ly clear: shar - ing, and serv - ing, the

shar - ing the meal o - pens our eyes to see Je - sus is real.
will we ig - nore? Who hum - bles the out - cast that hon - or - at our door?
eat - ing the feast fed, nour - ished by haugh - ty Je - sus, least. least.
bod - y is fed, by Je - sus, the Bread.

Invitation to Commune

Debby Willets

Prayer at the Table

Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution

Debby Willets

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Christ Has Called Us to New Visions³

NETTLETON

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Variations on "NETTLETON" (Albert L. Travis)

Sol M. Rizzato

And all the people said...

AMEN!

Christ has called us to new vi - sions, here to cel - e - brate and praise, here con -
 As we lis - ten to each oth - er, as we speak in joy and pain, we be -
 All cre - a - tion us, strug - gles, yearn - ing for a time of true sha - lom. Are we
 Christ still calls us, young and ag - ing, men and wo - men, bound and free, col - ors,
 fess our old di - vi - sions, here our peace pe - ti - tions raise. Come re -
 come as sis - ter, broth - er, rec - on - ciled, at one a - gain. On - ly
 try - ing, are we learn - ing now to make the earth our home? For the
 tal - ents, thoughts en - gag - ing, joined in one com - mu - ni - ty. Christ re -
 pent - ant, come for - giv - ing, come in joy and hope and prayer. Christ, once
 thus in work and feel - ing, for our neigh - bor far or near can we
 hun - gry and de - spair - ing, for the poor of all the earth, make us
 mold - ing, heal - ing, lead - ing, sins for - give en! Life re - stored! Let us
 cru - ci - fied, now liv - ing, bids us faith and love to share.
 wor - ship God, re - veal - ing, gifts of grace a - mong us here.
 part - ners, bur - dens shar - ing, bring - ing all a - mong us worth.
 live, God's jus - tice heed - ing, strength - ened by our ris - en Lord.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 13

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elders' Meeting (Hybrid)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Friday, May 16

- 11:30-1:00pm: Ministerial Relief and Assistance Presentation at WACC

Saturday, May 17

- 10:00-1:00pm: Creation Care Planting Party & Lunch in Dining Room



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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