

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

# Worship of God

May 25, 2025; 9:30am: Sixth 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

# Meditation for Preparation

"Senator Warren was giving a lengthy speech. She had appeared to violate the rule. She was warned. She was given an explanation. Nevertheless, she persisted."

-Mitch McConnell, February 7, 2017

Hymn of Praise 724

O God of Earth and Altar

LLANGLOFFAN

Invocation

Susan Mathes

Hymn of Prayer

Let Us Pray for One Another<sup>1</sup>

DECATUR



Prayers of the People

Nancy Walker

God who guides us on the way... Help us grow in love and mercy.

# 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 305

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Invitation to Stewardship

Debbie Walker

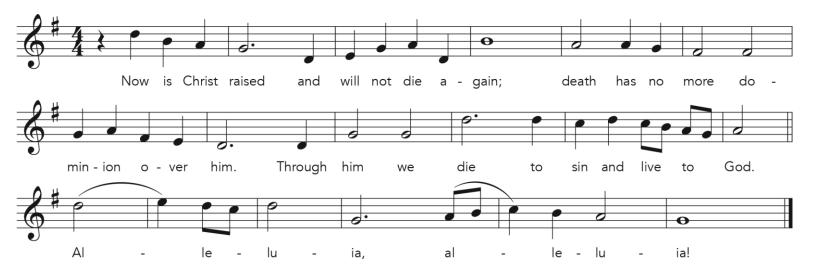
Offertory Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 626 (J.S. Bach)

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

Now Is Christ Raised

SINE NOMINE



The Reading

Luke 18:1-8 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Nathan A. Russell

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Nevertheless, She Persisted

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"So I preached from Luke, chapter eighteen, verses one through eight: the parable of the importunate widow. It's one I've always liked. A widow is so persistent in her demands for justice that she overcomes the resistance of a judge who fears neither God nor man. She wears him down. Moral: The weak can overcome the strong if the weak persist. Persisting isn't always safe, but it's often necessary."

-Octavia Butler, Parable of the Sower

Hymn of Communion 408

Come, Share the Lord

**DIVERNON** 

Invitation to Commune

Nancy Walker

Prayer at the Table

Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Nancy Walker

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

God, Give Us Eyes to See Your Reign<sup>3</sup> (Back cover)

KINGSFOLD

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Sol M. Rizzato

**Postlude** 

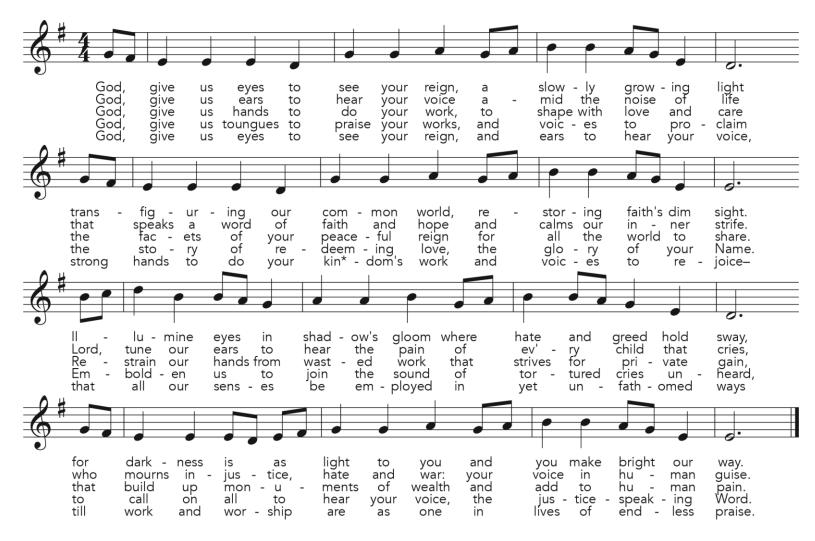
Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630 (J.S. Bach) And all the people said...

AMEN!

<sup>1</sup>WORDS: Maurice L. Draper, 1980, alt.; MUSIC: Scottish melody <sup>3</sup>WORDS: David Bjorlin, 2020; MUSIC: Traditional English Melody <sup>2</sup>WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Today's artwork is Do Not Lose Heart (2018) by Trey Everett, a graphic artist who has created images for some of the Lectionary readings. His work is available at www.treyeverettcreates.com.

Today's service music includes three chorale preludes from Johann Sebastian Bach's Orgelbüchlein or "Little Organ Book," a collection of music for use during the church year. These three pieces feature melodies written by Martin Luther (1483-1546) and are meant for the Easter season. Approximate translations of these chorale titles are as follows: Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ: Arisen is the Lord Christ; Jesus Christus, unser Heiland: Jesus Christ, our Savior, who turned away wrath from us; Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn: The Day in Triumph, God's son.



#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

## Sunday, May 25

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

### Tuesday, May 27

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:00-1:30pm: Labyrinth and Lunch (Bring your own lunch and share fellowship)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Christian Education Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

## Wednesday, May 28

• 5:00-9:00pm: Pasta at the Pastor's



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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