



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

Worship of God

April 5, 2026, 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

Pastorale (Amy Beach)

The Corson Quintet

Meditation for Preparation

"Faith is stepping out into the unknown with nothing to guide us but a hand just beyond our grasp."
—Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*

Hymn of Praise

*With the Women We Have Come Here**1

HYFRYDOL



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! I bring good news!
 and to us has been en - trust - ed 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 is ris - en! Come and see the emp - ty tomb.
 Trav - 'ling, we are met by Je - sus, whom we wor - ship and a - dore,
 Raise the shout of gos - pel good - ness: "Christ is ris - en! Death is gone!"



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

Invocation

Ken Oblak

Hymn of Prayer

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*²

SALZBURG



We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gra - cious words we hear
 We may not touch his hands and side, nor fol - low where he trod;
 Help then, O Lord, our life of faith is done, in realms of clear - er light
 that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear - er light



from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 but in his prom - ise we re - joice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:
 we may be - hold you as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Prayers of the People

God of resurrection...
 May our faith abound.

Sue Pray

The Lord's Prayer 307

The Lord's Prayer

MALOTTE

Invitation to Stewardship

Dan Clark

Offertory

Wind Quintet, Op. 79 (August Klughardt)

The Corson Quintet

Doxology

Now Is Christ Raised^B

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

Matthew 28:1-10
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Journey to Resurrection

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"It is through... the world of the imagination which takes us beyond the restrictions of provable fact, that we touch the hem of truth. The world we live in, the world we are able to know with our intellect, is limited and bounded by our finiteness. We glimpse reality only occasionally, and for me it happens most often when I write, when I start out using all the 'real' things which my senses and my mind can know, and then suddenly a world opens before me."

—Madeleine L'Engle, *A Circle of Quiet*

Hymn of Communion 222

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Invitation to Commune

Sue Pray

Prayer at the Table

Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution

Sue Pray

Communion Meditation

Umoja (Valerie Coleman)

The Corson Quintet

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 216

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

EASTER HYMN

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

The Corson Quintet and Sol M. Rizzato
Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5 (Charles-Marie Widor) arr. Richard Proulx
And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Members of The Corson Quintet: Gabrielle Huntington, Flute; Ashley Na, Oboe; Alexander Newman, Clarinet; Ryan Vandenberg, Bassoon; Isabel Corson, Horn.

Today's artwork is *Easter Sunrise* (1953) by Georgia O'Keeffe. © Georgia O'Keeffe Museum.

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

²WORDS: Henry Alford, alt.; MUSIC: Johann Michael Haydn (18th century)

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

*Introduction, interludes, and harmonizations by Sterling Proctor

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

- 10:00am-2:00pm: Office Hours and Labyrinth Open

Sunday, April 5

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

Monday, April 6

- 10:00-11:00am: Worship Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)

Tuesday, April 7

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:30am-1:00pm: CHL & G and Outreach Committee Mtg: (Hybrid)
- 5:30-6:30pm: Stewardship Committee Mtg: (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 8

- 5:00-8:00pm: Reel Religion Film Festival: *ET*

✿EASTER FLOWERS✿

IN MEMORY OF

Janet A. Long
 Donna Ramsey & Ruth Jorgensen
 Linda Lee
 Carson McNeal
 Karen Wehman
 Tom Mountjoy
 Lorenzo & Linell Walker
 The Shubert Family
 Ernest & Elaine Schmittgen
 Jean & Don Willets
 Barbara Lloyd, Donald J. Willets
 Our Loved Ones
 Bob Hancock, & Our Parents

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