



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

Worship of God

April 26, 2026, 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!

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Prelude

From "Two English Voluntaries for Organ" (Charles Callahan)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"They knew that no one heard, that bloodless people cannot be made to bleed. So they blew what everyone had heard before, they reassured everyone that nothing terrible was happening, and the people at the tables found it pleasant to shout over this stunning corroboration and the people at the bar, under cover of the noise they could scarcely have lived without, pursued whatever it was they were after."

—James Baldwin, *Another Country*

Hymn of Praise 280

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Invocation

Sol Rizzato

Hymn of Prayer

O Lord, My Shepherd¹

MORNING SONG

O Lord, my Shep - herd, you are near; in safe - ty shall I live.
 The path of life I walk in peace; I know your ten - der care.
 If I should pass through val - leys dark, no e - vil will I fear.
 Your hand pre - pares a feast for me, a ta - ble rich - ly spread.
 Your bound - less love shall fol - low me, your mer - cy deep and wide,

To pas - tures green I fol - low you and all I need, you give.
 From wa - ters clear I drink my fill, and you re - fresh me there.
 You guide my steps and lead the way, Good Shep - herd ev - er near.
 My cup with bless - ing o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
 till in your house I come to dwell for - ev - er at your side.

Prayers of the People

O Lord, our Shepherd...
Guide our steps and lead the way.

Lill McNeal

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 593

Lead Me, Lord

LEAD ME LORD

Invitation to Stewardship

Kimberly Wilhelm

Offertory

Prelude on ST. COLUMBA (Healey Willan)

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

Christ Is Alive!²

TRURO

Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to this and ev - ery age,
 till earth and sky and o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

The Reading

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

Nathan A. Russell

Today's artwork is *The Good Shepherd* by Julien Dupre. Images of women agricultural workers became a popular subject in French painting of the mid-late 19th century. Julien Dupre drew on that popular theme and moved it to allegory, with the naming of a shepherdess as the "good shepherd." Christ, the spiritual Good Shepherd, becomes a calming presence without being pictured, simply by the artist's use of sheep, staff/rod, and one who tends the flock.

¹WORDS: Scripture text; paraphrased Delores Dufner, OSB, 1993; MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813

²WORDS: Brian Wren, 1967; rev. 1995; MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

³WORDS: Scottish Psalter, 1650; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992; MUSIC: J. L. Macbeth Bain, 1915

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, April 26

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

Tuesday, April 28

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:00am-1:00pm: Labyrinth & Lunch in Elders' Conf. Room & Youth Room
- 7:00-8:30pm: Christian Ed. Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 29

- 5:00-8:00pm: "Pasta at the Pastor's"

Friday, May 1

- 10:00-am-12:00pm: Church Women United "Friendship Day" - *A Place Called Home*



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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