



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

## Worship of God

May 10, 2026, 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

Prelude

Prelude on "Union Seminary" (Healey Willan)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to."

–J. R. R. Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings*



Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down;  
 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it, in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;  
 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
 Peace, a - bun - dant grace ful - fil - ling, mer - cies dai - ly new we find.  
 Fin - ish, then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be,

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;  
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find thy set - tled rest;  
 sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.  
 Pa - tient God, O make us will - ing to be - stow such gifts in kind.  
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed, love thou art;  
 take a - way our love of sin - ning; al - pha and o - me - ga be;  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
 Waste - ful love that thou hast giv - en, free - ly serv - ing hu - man - kind.  
 changes from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 end of faith as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 As we count our selves for - giv - en, may we so give love di - vine.  
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Invocation

Bob Rieth

Hymn of Prayer

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ<sup>2</sup>

SURSUM CORDA



E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ, we know not how to  
 Come, pray in us the prayer we need this day; help us to see your  
 Come with the vi - sion and the strength we need to serve our God and

ask or what to say; We on - ly know our need, as deep as  
 pur - pose and your will; where we have failed, what we have done a -  
 all hu - man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment of our live in love out -

life, and on - ly you can teach us how to pray.  
 miss; held in for - giv - ing love, let us be still.  
 poured - our life in you, O Christ, e - ter - nal - ly.

Prayers of the People

Eternal Spirit of the living Christ...  
Teach us how to pray.

Gerald Western

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

Gerald Western

Offertory

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

*Christ Is Alive!*<sup>3</sup>

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 14:15-21

Nathan A. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*Keep Love Alive*

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"With my intellect I see cause for nothing but pessimism and even despair. But I can't settle for what my intellect tells me. That's not all of it...There are still stars which move in ordered and beautiful rhythm. There are still people in this world who keep promises... That's enough to keep my heart optimistic no matter how pessimistic my mind."

—Madeleine L'Engle, *A Wind in the Door*

Hymn of Communion 392

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

UNION SEMINARY

Invitation to Commune

Gerald Western

Prayer at the Table

Sue Pray

Words of Institution

Gerald Western

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 489

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

*Variations on Hyfrydol* (Albert L. Travis)  
And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Sol M. Rizzato

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Weekly Calendar

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

### Sunday, May 10

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

### Tuesday, May 12

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elders' Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)
- 7:00pm: Board 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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