



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

## Worship of God

May 17, 2026, 9:30am: Seventh 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

Sol M. Rizzato & Black River Brass Quintet  
*Marche Triomphale* (Sigfrid Karg-Ellect)

Meditation for Preparation

"God not female, God not male,  
God for whom all labels fail,  
Truth beyond our verbal games,  
Life too vast to bound with names:  
from vain wordlust set us free  
to embrace your mystery."

–Carl P. Daw, Jr., *A Year of Grace*

Here, O God, your peo - ple gath - er to wor - ship in this place sing - ing  
 Though the path may not be stead - y when filled with grief and strife, your up -  
 God, we sense your hope and pas - sion that call us to sha - lom. We are

psalms and hymns of won - der, we long to see your face. Moved by sounds of pipes and  
 lift - ing Spir - it greets us with prom - ise for new life. You trans - cend our ex - pec -  
 yet a pil - grim peo - ple still search - ing for our home. Lead us ev - er on the

voic - es, hush of si - lence, rush of wind, we are dan - cing in the rhy - thms of  
 ta - tions as you stun us with sur - prise, thus we can - not help but mar - vel at  
 jour - ney to your fu - ture that will be filled with jus - tice, love, and mer - cy a -

grace that will not end. Shape our lives with phrase and ca - dence, com - pose a liv - ing  
 all be - fore our eyes. While the pow'rs and fears a - round us can threat - en to de -  
 cross the land and sea. Guide us through the times and sea - sons of life with - in your

score; as we swell the full - er chor - us to praise you all the more.  
 stroy, You, our God, are ev - er with us! You bring a great - er joy.  
 care. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age! Give us the faith to dare!

Invocation

Dick Lee

Hymn of Prayer 293

*Out of Need and Out of Custom*

GATHERING

Prayers of the People

God of human transformation...  
For your presence now we pray.

Janet Stevens-Brown

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 306

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Invitation to Stewardship

Kathy Wainwright

Offertory

Sol M. Rizzato & Black River Brass Quintet  
*Solemn Entry* (Richard Strauss)

Doxology

*Christ Is Alive!*<sup>2</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 Ephesians 1:15-23 Nathan A. Russell  
 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *The Body of Christ* Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence  
 "Have you been half asleep and have you heard voices? I've heard them calling my name. Is this the sweet sound that calls the young sailors? The voice might be one and the same. I've heard it too many times to ignore it; it's something that I'm s'posed to be. Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection, the lovers, the dreamers and me."  
 —Paul Williams and Kenneth Ascher, *The Rainbow Connection*

Hymn of Communion 233 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Invitation to Commune Lauri Warfield

Prayer at the Table Lill McNeal

Words of Institution Lauri Warfield

Communion Meditation *Adoration* (Felix Borowski) Sol M. Rizzato & Kathy Wainwright

Invitation to Discipleship Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship *We Proclaim the Resurrection*<sup>3</sup> (Back cover) NEANDER

Benediction and Charge Nathan A. Russell

Postlude Sol M. Rizzato  
*The Planets, Op. 32: Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity* (Gustav Holst, trans. Peter Sykes)  
 And all the people said...  
**AMEN!**

We pro-claim the res-ur-rec-tion: "Christ has ris-en from the dead!"  
 We re-mem-ber Christ's as-cen-sion with his prom-ise clear and free:  
 We a-wait the Spir-it's com-ing, ho-ly wind and danc-ing flame.  
 We are called to be Christ's bod-y, gath-ered as the Church to-day,  
 How our hearts have burned with-in us at the break-ing of the bread.  
 "Power from high a-bove will clothe you to be wit-ness-es of me."  
 She, who is our friend and part-ner, fans to life what fear would tame.  
 seek-ing wis-dom, liv-ing jus-tice, God's good fu-ture to con-vey.  
 Now we long to tell the sto-ry where the ta-ble has been spread.  
 Hands up-lift-ed, bless-ing giv-en to the ones who strained to see.  
 When her fire gives us new cour-age, tongues are loosed to speak Christ's name.  
 We take heart from Christ's as-sur-ance to move with us on the Way.

Today's artwork is *An Anthem of Defiant Flight* (2023) by Sol M. Rizzato.  
<sup>2</sup>WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968, rev. 1995; MUSIC: Musica Sacra, c. 1778

<sup>1</sup>WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2023; MUSIC: Gustav Holst, 1918  
<sup>3</sup>WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2026; MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Weekly Calendar

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

### Sunday, May 17

- 11:00am: Reception for Sol Rizzato Celebration in Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

### Monday, May 18-21

- Pastor Nathan in Texas

### Tuesday, May 19

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)

### Wednesday, May 20

- 5:30-8:00pm Girl Scout Troop #50163 in the Music 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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