

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

# Worship of God

May 12, 2024; 9:30am: Ascension Sunday

Chiming the Hour

The Spirit of God is with you...

And also with you!

Nathan A. Russell

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

Lift up your hearts...
We lift them to the Lord!

Nathan A. Russell

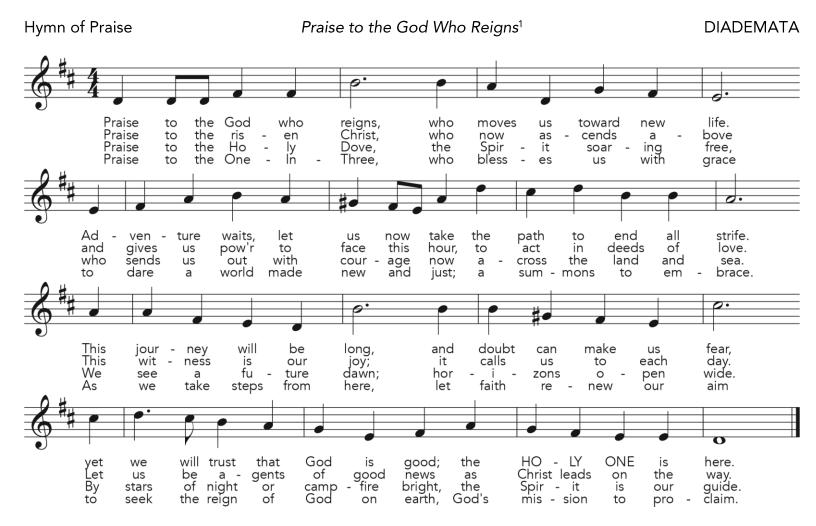
Call to Worship

Prelude Sol M. Rizzato

### Meditation for Preparation

"Ascension Day is the day the present Lord became absent, which may be why it is the most forgotten feast day of the church year. Who wants to celebrate being left behind? Who wants to mark the day that Jesus went out of this world, never to be seen again? Hungry as we are for the presence of God, the one thing we do not need is a day to remind us of God's absence."

–Barbara Brown Taylor, The Day We Were Left Behind



Invocation Kimberly Wilhelm

Hymn of Prayer 463

Renew Your Church

ALL IS WELL

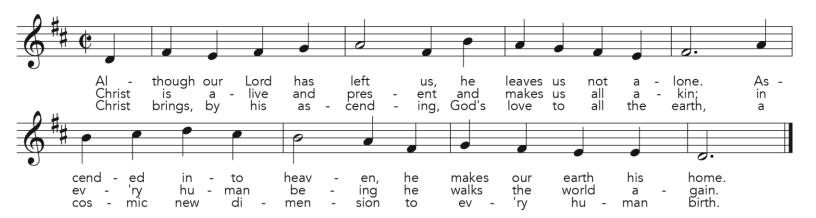
Prayers of the People

Nancy Walker

God of renewal... **Let our hearts with love be stirred.** 

### The Lord's Prayer

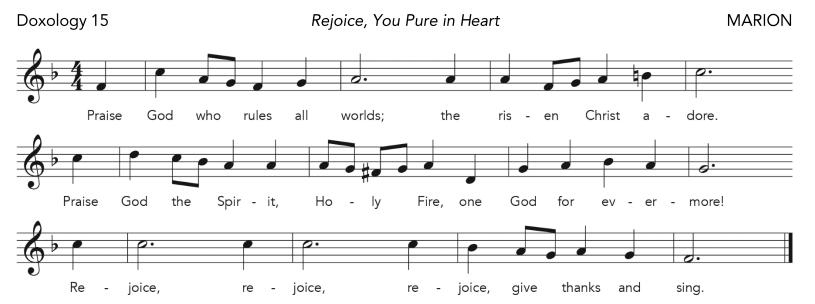
Our Mother/Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin\*dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin\*dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.



Invitation to Stewardship

Dan Clark

Offertory Sol M. Rizzato



The Reading

Luke 24:46-53
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Nathan A. Russell

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Absence Makes the Heart Grow... Joyful?

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"You cannot miss what you have never known, which makes our sense of absence—and especially our sense of God's absence—the very best proof that we knew God once, and that we may know God again."

—Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Day We Were Left Behind* 

Hymn of Communion 399

O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

BELMONT

Invitation to Commune

Nancy Walker

Prayer at the Table

Gerald Western

Words of Institution

Nancy Walker

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Sol M. Rizzato

# And all the people said... **AMEN!**

Today's artworks is One is All by Evans Yegon of Kenya at <a href="https://trueafricanart.com/">https://trueafricanart.com/</a>

Flowers in the sanctuary in front of the communion table are in honor of Glennis Covault.

<sup>1</sup>Words: Nathan A. Russell, 2024; Music: George Job Elvey, 1868

<sup>2</sup>Words: Fred Kaan, 1972; Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1609

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

## Sunday, May 12

- 11:00am: Reception for Glennis Covault in the Narthex
- 6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of Morning Worship

## Tuesday, May 14

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

## Thursday, May 16

• All-Church Social Hour (Zoom)



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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