

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

# Worship of God

February 2, 2025; 9:30am: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Chiming the Hour The Atwood Carillon

Greeting The Spirit of God is with you... Nathan A. Russell

And also with you!

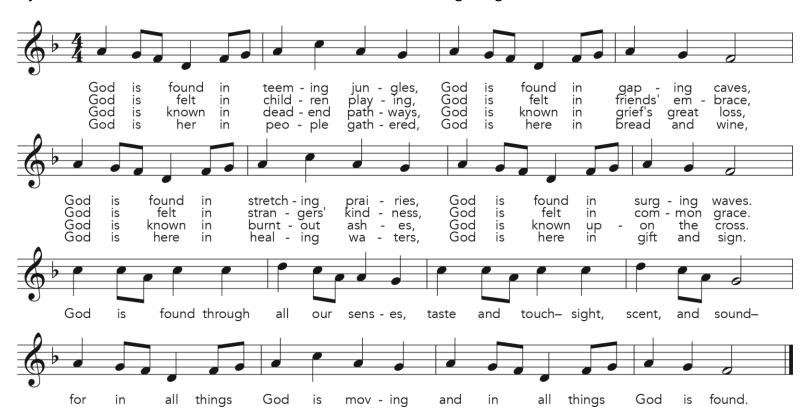
Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Nathan A. Russell We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude Trio Sonata No. 1 in Eb Major II. Adagio (J.S. Bach) Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"Dearly beloved, we are gathered here together to get through this thing called 'life.'"

-Prince and the Revolution, Let's Go Crazy



Invocation

Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer 231

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

**HOLY MANNA** 

Prayers of the People

God who walks beside us... Hold us fast in friendship. Lauri Warfield

# 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.



Offertory

Now the Green Blade Riseth (Janis Dunson Wilson)

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology 280 v. 4

God Is Here!

**ABBOT'S LEIGH** 



The Reading

Luke 7:11-17
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Funeral

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Every time the death of God is announced, a funny thing happens on the way to the funeral. Every time religion is pronounced dead at the scene, religion revives and lives on to bury its own undertakers."

—John Caputo, The Folly of God

Hymn of Communion 230

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET

Invitation to Commune

Lauri Warfield

Prayer at the Table

Don Hange, Jr.

Words of Institution

Lauri Warfield

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

God Call the Church<sup>2</sup> (Reverse)

TRURO

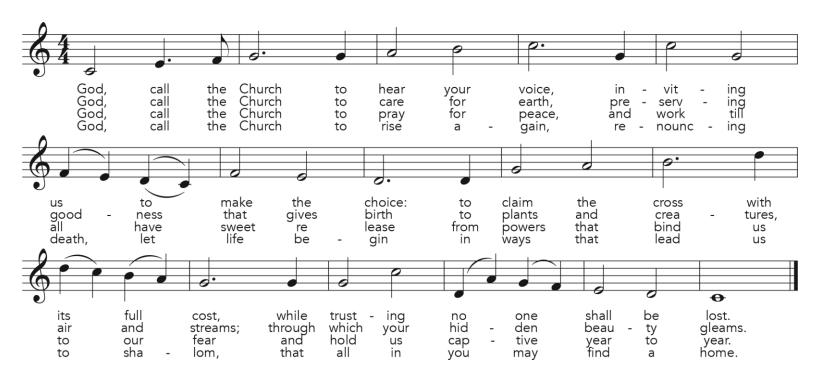
Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

**Postlude** 

Postlude on TRURO (Michael Bedford)
And all the people said...AMEN!

Sol M. Rizzato



Today's artwork is the Anastasis fresco at the Chora Church in Turkey. ¹WORDS: David Bjorlin, 2020; MUSIC: Joshua Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1830

<sup>2</sup>WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2024; MUSIC: Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

# Sunday, February 2

- 11:00am: Kurt Russell, National Teacher of the Year 2022
- 5:00pm: Maggie Johns in Concert at WACC
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

## Tuesday, February 4

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:30-1:00pm: Church Life & Growth Committee Mtg. (Zoom)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elders' Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)

## Wednesday, February 5

• 10:00-12:00pm: Just Values Meeting (Zoom)

#### Thursday, February 6

• 10:00-11:00am: All-Church Social Hour (Zoom) Final Meeting



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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