



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

## Worship of God

April 6, 2025; 9:30am: Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

*Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured* (Mark Jones)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"If, as Heraclitus suggests, god, like an oracle, neither 'declares nor hides, but sets forth by signs,' then clearly I had better be scrying the signs."

—Annie Dillard, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*

Hymn of Praise 356

*We, Your People, God, Confessing*

IN BABILONE

Invocation

Debby Willets

Hymn of Prayer

*Tears of Suffering*<sup>1</sup> (Reverse)

JEFFERSON

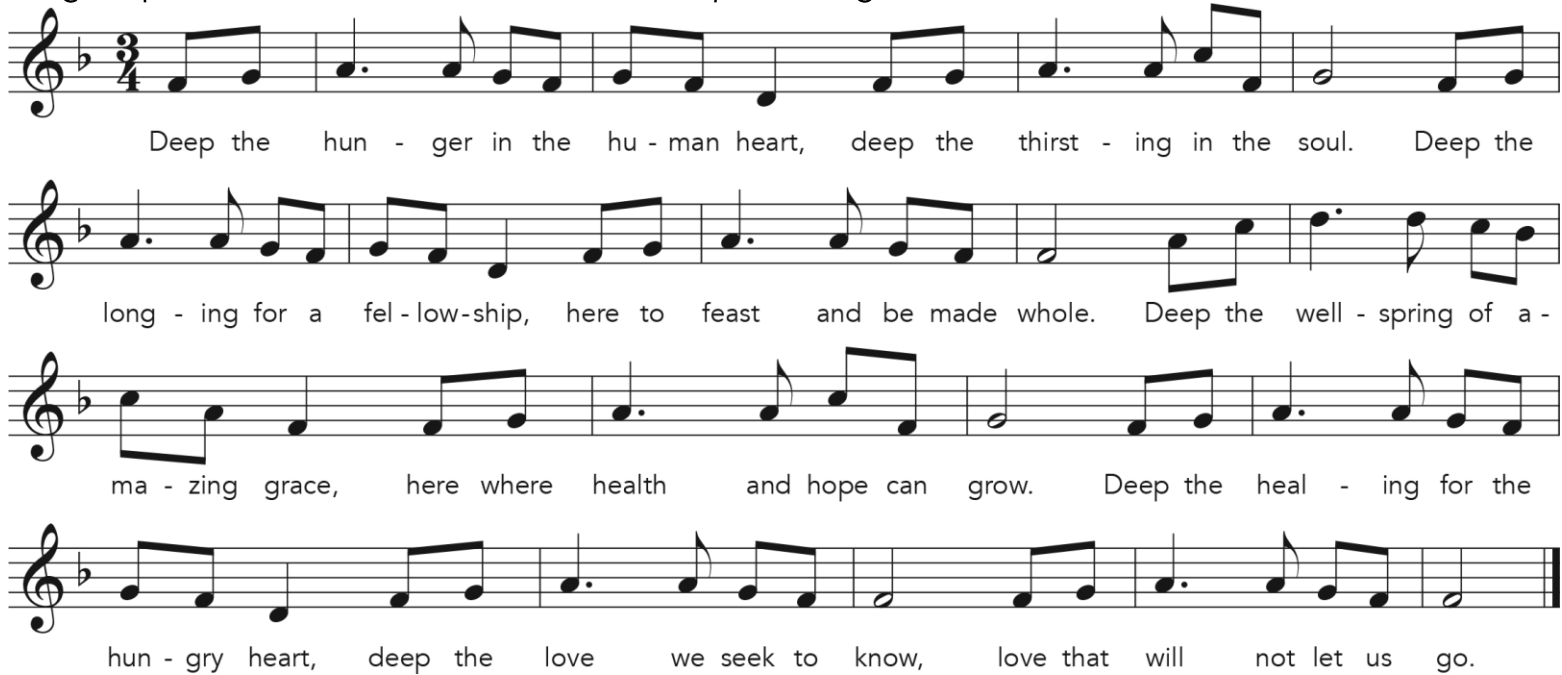
## The Lord's Prayer

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

*Deep the Hunger<sup>2</sup>*

ROYAL LANE



Deep the hun - ger in the hu - man heart, deep the thirst - ing in the soul. Deep the  
long - ing for a fel - low-ship, here to feast and be made whole. Deep the well - spring of a -  
ma - zing grace, here where health and hope can grow. Deep the heal - ing for the  
hun - gry heart, deep the love we seek to know, love that will not let us go.

## Invitation to Stewardship

Ron Dauphin

## Offertory

*Wonderous Love* (Dale Wood)

Sol M. Rizzato

## Doxology 24 v. 3

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI



God has e - ter - nal life im - plant-ed in the soul. God's love shall be our  
strength and stay, while a - ges roll. Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be the  
Name, who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same!

## The Reading

Luke 11:27-32  
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...  
**Thanks be to God!**

Nathan A. Russell

## Discipline of Silence

"The signs which you have learned here will not look at all as you expect them to look, when you meet them there. That is why it is so important to know them by heart and pay no attention to appearances. Remember the signs and believe the signs. Nothing else matters."

—C. S. Lewis, *The Silver Chair*

## Hymn of Communion 289

*What Is This Place*

## KOMT NU MET ZANG

## Invitation to Commune

Pam Sheetz

## Prayer at the Table

Lill McNeal

## Words of Institution

Pam Sheetz

## Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

## Hymn of Discipleship

*Holy Presence, Holy Teacher*<sup>3</sup>

## PLEADING SAVIOR



Ho - ly Pres - ence Ho - ly Teach - er, Light il - lu - min - ing our lives,  
By our nur - ture, by our cul - ture ev - ery life is shaped to grow,  
Yours the world of power and beau - ty, ours the task to tend its needs,  
God, we pray for un - der - stand - ing in our stud - y, in our goals,

in the com - pass of di - tion's wis - dom all our work and wor - ship thrives:  
fed by long tra - di - tion's learn - ing, formed by men - tors as we god;  
day by day in cheer - ful serv - ice grow - ing faith like mus - tard seeds,  
con - cepts that will change and chal - lenge, vi - sion to in - spire our souls,

lead us when we sense your call - ing till we find our cho - sen field,  
tune our ears to hear the gos - pel ques - tion - ing ac - cept - ed thought,  
striv - ing in un - like - ly plac - es, stand - ing where in - deed we must,  
that this place for mind's re - flec - tion, faith ex - am - ined, word ad - dressed,

fol - low - ing your hand's di - rec - tion, hon - or - ing your truth re - vealed.  
read - y to re - spect each oth - er, see the gifts that each has brought.  
act - ing from com - pel - ling con - science, work - ing for what's fair and just.  
be a wit - ness to your teach - ing, and our faith - ful search be blessed.

## Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

## Postlude

*Prelude on an Old Folk Tune (Amy Beach)*

Sol M. Rizzato

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

Tears of suf - f'ring- can you see them? Liv - ing God, why hide your face?  
 Earth is ach - ing- do you feel it? Liv - ing God, stretch out your hand.  
 Voi - ces groan - ing- will you hear them? Liv - ing God, is it too late?  
 Liv - ing God, we know you hear us; lov - ing One, we know you care.

Look with kind - ness on our sor - row, show us your a - maz - ing grace.  
 Wipe a - way the stain of vio - lence, soothe the fe - ver of the land.  
 An - swer mis - er - y with jus - tice, cast a - way the stones of hate.  
 We be - lieve that you are near us, that you still re - spond to prayer.

You made mor - tals in your im - age; would you leave us cracked and crushed?  
 You gave shape to your crea - a - tion, tamed the cha - os when it swirled.  
 You re - deemed your cho - sen peo - ple, made a pas - sage through the sea.  
 Now re - mem - ber all you prom - ised, all you did in for - mer days.

Now re - claim and re - cre - ate us, breath - ing Spir - it in - to dust.  
 Move with gen - tle - ness and pow - er, touch and heal our hurt - ing world.  
 Speak your Word of lib - er - a - tion, come a - gain to set us free.  
 Show us how you still de - liv - er- we will glad - ly sing your praise!

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 6

- 11:00am Lenten Study: *Unsettling Lent* (Gibbens Room)
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere
- 1:00pm: Cello Recital with Sol Rizatto & Kathy Wainwright

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

- 10:00-12:00pm: Just Values Mtg. (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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