



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2020

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Liturgical Color: Purple, symbolizing our Penitence

PRELUDE

Epitaphe

Louis Vierne

SHARING OUR HOSPITALITY

Welcome to our online services! If you have a moment, email us about your online visit. Send your email to abbie@wsmethodist.org. We can welcome you through email, postal service and add you to our list of New Friends. Please call 803-256-2417 if you have special needs at this time and join us on Facebook for devotions and updates about our worship services.

THE CHIMING OF THE BELL

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

French Carol

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

THE OPENING PRAYER

Gather us in your Spirit, O Holy God, from all of the places where we are watching on line so that we are united in our worship of You. Gather our minds from all the distractions of our lives so that we might focus in these moments on your great goodness. In these times of distress, give us your comfort and grant us your peace. Gather our hearts so that our love for you and for our neighbor might be made strong; and grant us, O God, the holy desire to serve you in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 142

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in God through all thy ways,
God will give strength, what'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move.
2. Only be still, and what God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take what'er thy Maker's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent;
we know our inmost wants are known, for we are called to be God's own.
3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust God's word; though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul that trusted God indeed.

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Reverend Pafford

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*traditional, page 895*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Breaking of the Bread

Austin Lovelace

'Twas in the breaking of the bread, just common daily bread, they knew their Lord. They were so blind, they failed to find Him in the baffling sad events that crashed their world about them. But at the quiet close of day, He walked beside them in the way; and as they sat about that simple board, they knew their Lord. O, Master, open thou our eyes that we, like them, in glad surprise may see thee in the simple things of every day, and find thee walking with us on our way. 'Twas in the breaking of the bread, just common daily bread, they knew their Lord.

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:52-69

PROCLAMATION

"Does This Offend You?"

Reverend Parrish

PRAYERS OF RESPONSE

OFFERTORY SOLO

"Sacrament" from *St. Matthew Passion*
Amos Warren, tenor

Johann Sebastian Bach

As we respond to God's Word, presence and goodness in our lives, we offer ourselves and our gifts to God's service. We provide online giving at wsmethodist.org/giving or by texting "Engage" to 73256.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God, Bread of Life, accept our thanks for the tender care in which you hold us and for graciously providing for our needs. Use these gifts and use us, so that the needs of the world might be met through the ministries of this congregation. Transform our hearts so that we might live generously in the Name of Christ; through whom we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 635

Because Thou Hast Said

PADDERBORN

1. Because thou hast said: "Do this for my sake,"
the mystical bread we gladly partake;
we thirst for the Spirit that flows from above,
and long to inherit thy fullness of love.
2. 'Tis here we look up and grasp at thy mind,
'tis here that we hope thine image to find;
the means of bestowing thy gifts we embrace;
but all things are owing to Jesus' grace.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Filled with the Spirit's Power

Cyril V. Taylor

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace in your strong care all those of every race. Like wind and fire with life among us move, till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

When our worship ends, our service begins!

We welcome all persons to worship on live stream today. In these unusual circumstances, we hope that these worship experiences will strengthen your faith and encourage you in Christian growth. If you have a pastoral need, please call the church office 803-256-2417, extension 121. My emergency contact number is on the voice mail message and listed through Engage Washington. Meanwhile, stay calm and healthy. We will worship by live stream on Wednesday at 12:30 and next Sunday at 11:00. At that time we will assess gathering for Palm Sunday and Easter based on the information available to us.