

Washington Street
United Methodist Church
Love Feast



June 7, 2020
Pre- Videoed

Peace with Justice Sunday
Liturgical Colors: Red & White

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

As you create your worship space this week you should be in a comfortable space where you can eat, for we invite you to bring your brunch, snacks or drinks with you as we observe The Love Feast. You may want to light a candle or five candles along with us as we observe Peace with Justice Sunday. Throughout the service you will hear from members of our congregation via video about where they have seen God during the pandemic, or hymnody or scripture that has been particularly comforting to them in recent weeks. I invite you to think about how you would respond and consider sharing with your family and friends gathered with you or through social media. You are invited to sing along with the hymns and to join in with the prayers in the worship guide.

HYMN 537 Filled with the Spirit's Power SHELDONIAN

1. Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.

Shelley Maddox, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP

ONE: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World".

- Today we light the center candle to honor the presence of The Prince of Peace.
- We light a second candle in memory of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless Black Americans who have died by violent racial injustice and commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice for all people.
- We light a candle remembering all who have died by violence: innocent children, youth and adults and commit ourselves to advocate for a non-violent world.
- We light a candle for all who are oppressed based on their gender or sexual identity, and commit to affirming all individuals as persons of sacred worth.
- We light a candle for economic injustice and commit ourselves to living as generous followers of Jesus Christ who advocate for the eradication of poverty.

SOLO We Shall Overcome African-American Spiritual

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Dr. Dwight Dockery, piano

1. We shall overcome; we shall overcome; we shall overcome someday.
Refrain: O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!
2. We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand
someday.
Refrain: O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

3. We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace; we shall live in peace someday.

Refrain: O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

4. We are not afraid; we are not afraid; we are not afraid today.

Refrain: O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

5. God will see us through; God will see us through; God will see us through today.

Refrain: O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

God of justice and peace, We know that you created us in the diversity of your image. But still we refuse to see you reflected in the face of our neighbor who has a different skin tone, lacks adequate health care, experiences hunger, or doesn't have a home. We don't see your image in the face of our neighbor who worships in a different tradition or speaks in a language we don't understand. Forgive us, we pray. Transform us into peacemakers and justice builders, who recognize the abundance of your grace and mercy. We pray in the name of The Prince of Peace, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

(Amended from Peace with Justice Liturgies 2020, UMC Resources)

HYMN 433

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

1. All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless.

Shelley Maddox, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

INTRODUCTION TO THE LOVE FEAST AND THE BLESSING OF THE FEAST

Be present at our tables, Lord: be here and everywhere adored;

Thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with Thee. Amen.

(UM Book of Worship)

OUR CONGREGATION SHARES *Videos from Members of Washington Street*

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

OUR CONGREGATION SHARES

A PRAYER FOR OUR TIME *offered by Sue Dillon*

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

(UM Book of Worship, 1989, Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

HYMN 660

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1. God is here, as we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Shelley Maddox, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THANKSGIVING

**Oh, Lord, when we have food...help us to remember the hungry
When we have work...help us to remember the jobless
When we have a home...help us to remember those who have no home at all
When we are without pain...help us to remember those who suffer
Help us not to be complacent, but compassionate
Help us to be concerned enough to reach out and help others
Help us to recognize each and every blessing and to thank You each day.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

DUET

Where All Charity and Love Are
Shelley Maddox, soprano; Dr. Dwight Dockery, tenor
Louis Shirer, organ

Alan Bullard

OUR CLERGY SHARE

HYMN 2153 (FWS) I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me I'M GONNA LIVE
1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
Shelley Maddox, soprano; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

BENEDICTION

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession written by Susan Caskey. Other prayers are amended or used from sources as indicated.*

Flowers

The flowers used in our worship service today were provided by the Active Faith Small Group to the honor and glory of God and in memory of those who have died through acts of racial injustice.



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