Washington Street
United Methodist Church

(Pre-Videoed)
Washington Street UMC ~ Sanctuary
Liturgical Color: Green, symbolizing our life and growth in Christ

June 21, 2020   Third Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)
You may create your sanctuary in any space, for all things belong to God. You may want to read two passages before the service: Genesis 16:1-15 and Genesis 21:8-21. These texts are set in the midst of a wilderness area, which may often appear like a desert. You may want to place a succulent plant on your table or a sand scape. You are invited to sing along with the hymns and to join in with the prayers as printed in the worship guide and on the screen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP **

HYMN 129   Give to the Winds Thy Fears   FESTAL SONG
  (vs. 1, 2)
   1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be undismayed.
      God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.
   2. Through waves and could and storms, God gently clears thy way;
      wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.
            Madeline Beitel, mezzo soprano; Louis Shirer, organ
   Words: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; translated by John Wesley, 1739; Music: William H. Walter, 1894

PRAYERS OF AND INTERCESSION **

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON   Genesis 16:1-15

HYMN 2146 *(FWS)*   His Eye Is on the Sparrow   SPARROW
   1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
      Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
      when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
      His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
      his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
      Refrain: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
      for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
            Madeline Beitel, mezzo soprano; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano
               Words: Civilia Martin; Music: Charles H. Gabriel

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON   Genesis 21:8-20

PROCLAMATION   "No Matter How You Tell It"

SOLO   *Be Not Afraid*   Craig Courtney
       Madeline Beitel, mezzo soprano; Dr. Claudio Olivera, piano; Bob Evans, bassoon

CONFESSION & PARDON **
       Call to Confession

       Prayer of Confession
       **God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, God of Hagar and Ishmael, who gave us
       your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your Holy Spirit to help us confess
       and truly repent of our sins. We turn against one another; we fail to care for
       the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless;
       we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross
       and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe
       sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
       It is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

       Words of Assurance

HYMN 435   O God of Every Nation   LLANGLOFFAN
  (vs. 1, 4)
     1. O God of every nation, of every race and land,
        redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
        where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
        in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

     4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
        when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
        till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
        and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.
                Madeline Beitel, mezzo soprano; Louis Shirer, organ
        Words: William W. Reid, 1958; Music: Welsh hymn melody; harm. by David Evans, 1927

BENEDICTION
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