

Washington Street United Methodist Church

(Pre-recorded)

Washington Street UMC ~ Christ Chapel

Liturgical Color: Green, symbolizing our life and growth in Christ



July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

You may create your sanctuary in any space, for all things belong to God. You are invited to light a candle, to read the text as it is printed in your worship guide, to sing along with the hymns and to join in with the prayers as printed in the worship guide and on the screen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE OPENING PRAYER **

Holy God, who through your son, Jesus the Christ, has given us new life by water and the Spirit, teach us how to live always in integrity of body, mind, and spirit, in obedience to your love, in the name of Jesus the Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 432

Jesu, Jesu

CHEREPONI

(Refrain) Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Keels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.

(Refrain)

2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away.

(Refrain)

3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.

(Refrain)

4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you.

(Refrain)

5. Keel at the set of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you.

(Refrain)

Felicia Torres, soprano; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

Words: Tom Colvin, 1969; Music: Ghana folk song; adapted by Tom Colvin, 1969

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6:12-23

(The Anchor Bible)

Do not, then, let sin hold sway over your mortal body so that you obey its lusts. Do not put your members at sin's disposal as weapons of wickedness, but instead put yourselves at God's disposal as those who have come to life from death and offer your members to God as weapons of uprightness. Sin is not to have sway over you, for you are not under the law but under grace. What, then, does this mean? Should we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that, if you put yourselves at anyone's disposal in obedience, you become slaves of the one you obey – whether of sin, which leads to death, or of real obedience, which leads to uprightness. But thanks be to God, you who were once slave to sin have wholeheartedly become obedient to the standard of teaching to which you have been entrusted. Freed then from sin, you have become slaves of uprightness. I am putting this in human terms because of your weak human nature just as you used to put your members slavishly at the disposal of impurity and iniquity, which led to anarchy, so now put them slavishly at the disposal of uprightness, which leads to holiness. When you were slaves of sin, you were free from uprightness. But what benefit did you then have – save things of which you are now ashamed? Things that result in death! But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you have leads to holiness, which results in life eternal. For the wages of sin are death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SOLO

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Jean Shackleton

Felicia Torres, soprano; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

PROCLAMATION

“It's Complicated”

SOLO

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

Felicia Torres, soprano; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We are thankful, Holy God, that through Christ Jesus you have set us free from sin. Help us to live into our freedom by choosing obedience to your way of love. Give us strength to choose love over hate, mercy over judgment, humility over power, and may we commit ourselves to the way of peace and justice as we seek to embody the radical love of Jesus, through whom we pray. We unite our voices as he taught us to pray saying,

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.

HYMN 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

LAND OF REST

1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

2. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

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Words: Delores Dufner, OSB; Music: USA folk melody

BENEDICTION

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