

Washington Street United Methodist Church

(Pre-recorded)

Washington Street UMC ~ Christ Chapel

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



August 16, 2020

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

You may create your sanctuary in any space, for all things belong to God. You are invited to read the back story for today's lesson in Genesis chapters 37-45. Then, light a candle and sing along with the hymns and join in with the prayers as printed in the worship guide and on the screen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Dwight Dockery and Shelley Maddox

HYMN 2170

God Made from One Blood

ST. DENIO

(v. 1, 3, 4, 5)

1. God made from one blood all the families of earth,
the circles of nurture that raised us from birth,
companions who join us to walk through each stage
of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.
3. We learn through our families how closeness and trust
increase when our actions are loving and just.
Yet families have also distorted their roles,
mistreating their members and bruising their souls.
4. Give, Lord, to each family in conflict and storm
a sense of your wisdom and grace that transform
sharp anger to insight which strengthens the heart
and makes clear the place where rebuilding can start.
5. Then widen that wisdom and grace to include
the races and viewpoints our families exclude
till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud
of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, piano

Words: Thomas H. Troeger, 1991

Music: Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts

THE OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Lippert

O Mysterious God, who hides in the shadows of our steps, who surprises us in inexpressible ways, who lingers in paradox: ignite our spirits to revel in your presence, inspire our souls to dance in your mystery, free our minds to rest in your holiness, fully comforted, totally quiet, completely yours. In the name of Christ, the Mysterious Word made flesh. Amen. *

HYMN 2169

God, How Can We Forgive

LEONI

(v. 1, 3)

1. God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn?
When human loving fails and every hope is gone,
your love gives strength beyond our own to face the dawn.
3. Who dares to throw the stone to damn another's sin,
when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, piano

Words: Ruth Duck, 1996

Music: Hebrew melody, *Sacred Harmony*, 1780; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875

PROCLAMATION

“Famine”

Rev. Parrish

SOLO

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another
Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, piano

Robert J. Powell

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

(v. 1, 3, 4)

1. This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.
3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.
4. Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, piano

Words: Brian Wren, 1978; alt. 1987; Music: Carlton R. Young, 1984

BENEDICTION

“Blessed are those who die in the Lord...”

In Memoriam

Mrs. Helen Thompson McWhorter
April 24, 2020

In Memoriam

Mrs. Miriam Thomas Brown
August 11, 2020



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