



WASHINGTON
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Washington Street United Methodist Church

(Pre-Videoed)

Washington Street UMC ~ Christ Chapel

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

September 27, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Abide, O Dearest Jesus
Louis Shirer, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 with us, read the texts with us, and then sing along with the hymns and join in with the prayers as printed in the worship guide and on the screen.

CALL TO WORSHIP 393

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fille me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Shelley Maddox, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ
Words and Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us. We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. *

HYMN 400

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1. Come thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming lips above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Shelley Maddox soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

PROCLAMATION

“Strike the Rock”

Rev. Parrish

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

God, we are thirsty for You. We are tiring of this journey. The fatigue of the last few months is wearing us down. We ask, “is the Lord among us?” We know You have worked miracles for us before. You have saved us. God of miracles, we, Your people, boldly ask You to cause Your waters of peace, provision, and protection to flow down on us like rivers. Let us be witnesses of Your faithfulness in this hour of the world’s greatest need. Amen. **

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

SOLO

Give Me Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan

Shelley Maddox, soprano; Louis Shirer, piano

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Statement of Faith of 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.

HYMN 586

Let My People Seek Their Freedom

EBENEZER

(vs. 2, 3, 4)

2. “Let my people seek their freedom in the wilderness awhile,
from the the aging shrines and structures, from the cloister and the aisle”:
so the Son of God has spoken and the storm clouds are unfurled,
for God’s people must be scattered to be servants in the world.
3. When the murmur on the mountains for the old Egyptian plains,
when we miss our ancient bondage, and the hope, the promise, wanes;
then the rock shall yield its water and the manna fall by night,
and with visions of a future shall we march toward the light.
4. In the maelstrom of the nations, in the journeying into space,
in the clash of generations, in the hungering for grace,
in our agony and glory, we are called to newer ways
by the Lord of our tomorrows and the God of earth’s todays.

Shelley Maddox, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: T. Herbert O’Driscoll, 1971; Music: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

BENEDICTION

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