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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Washington Street United Methodist Church

(Pre-Videoed)

Liturgical Color: Purple, symbolizing our repentance and hope in Christ  
Washington Street UMC ~ Christ Chapel

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

*Improvisation*  
Louis Shirer, organ

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

*You may create your sanctuary in any space, for all things belong to God. If you have prepared a planting to tend for Lent, please add it to your home worship center. You are invited to light a candle with us and to share in the hymns and prayers as we worship together.*

HYMN 61

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

ITALIAN HYMN

(vs. 1, 2, 4)

1. Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise!  
Father all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!
2. Come, thou incarnate Word,  
gird on thy mighty sword,  
our prayer attend!  
Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!
4. To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence, evermore.  
Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore.

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ  
Words: Anon.; Music: *Italian Hymn*, Felice de Gardini, 1769

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, you have made covenant with us and with every living creature. We give thanks for the sign of the rainbow, for it reminds you and us of your promise: that the flood of destruction will not be the last word. We thank you, too, for the waters of baptism, the sign that we are raised as children of the covenant; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And we thank you for the sign of the dove, the promise of your Holy Spirit. Hovering over the dawn of creation, Descending upon your beloved Son, your Spirit also hovers over and descends upon us. With the whole creation, we give you all glory and honor. In your triune name we pray. Amen. \***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

Joe Epting, Lay Leader

CONFESSION AND PARDON

ONE: Call to Confession

**ALL: God of mercy,  
we begin this Lenten season in confession.  
We do not live according to your ways,  
but according to our own.  
We condone violence,  
participate in systems of injustice,  
and use power to our own advantage  
at the expense of others.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
when we are tempted to follow paths  
other than those you set before us.  
Teach us your commandments;  
help us to turn from evil in its many guises,  
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.  
In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,  
and be for us, once more and always,  
an ark of safety and new life.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen. \***

ONE: The Pardon

EPISTLE LESSON

I Peter 3:18-22

SOLO

*Wade in the Water* arr. by Harry T. Burleigh  
Maria Beery, soprano; Rick Frierson, piano

PROCLAMATION

"Cleansing the Soil...Cleansing the Soul"

Reverend Parrish

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

“Lead Me, Lord”

LEAD ME, LORD

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

Maria Beery, Soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: Psalms 5.8, 4:8; Music: *Lead Me, Lord*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In Unison*)

**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.**

HYMN 605

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

BEACH SPRING

(vs. 1, 3)

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,  
where your cleansing waters flow.  
Number them among your people;  
bless as Christ blessed long ago.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart’s delight.
3. O how deep your holy wisdom!  
Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor!  
With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you,  
water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: Ruth Duck, 1987;

Music: *Beach Spring*, att. To B. F. White, 1844; harm by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978

BENEDICTION

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