



WASHINGTON  
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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 28, 2021

Second 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 159

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

(vs. 1, 3 & 4)

*Refrain:*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The  
hosts of God in unity combine.

*Refrain*

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as  
thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

*Refrain*

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise  
to the Crucified for victory!

*Refrain*

Bob Evans, baritone; Louis Shirer, organ

WORDS: George William Kitchin and Robert Michael Newbolt, 1916;

MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

### OPENING PRAYER

**God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. \***

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

SOLO

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, piano

Bob Chilcott

PROCLAMATION

“Even So”

Reverend Parrish

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CONFESSION AND PARDON

ONE: Call to Confession

**ALL: Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not been  
sincere Christians.  
We claim to follow Jesus  
but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.  
We profess to be disciples,  
but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.  
We affirm the virtue of self-denial,  
but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for sincere repentance  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ONE: The Pardon

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 2129  
(vs. 1, 2)

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

ASSAM

1. I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
no turning back, no turning back.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
no turning back, no turning back.

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ  
Words: Anon.; Music: Anon.

BENEDICTION

**In Memoriam**

The Rev. Happy W. Long  
(Retired Charge Conference Member)

January 18, 2021

*"Blessed are those who die in the Lord..."*

Christian Sympathy: Rev. Parrish, the church staff and WSUMC family extend our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Valerie Long and family in the passing of her husband, The Rev. Happy W. Long.



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