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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

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE *“Wer nur den lieben Gott Lässt walten, BWV 647”* J.S. Bach
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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: For God so loved the world

ALL: that God established a covenant with every living creature of all flesh.

ONE: For God so loved the world

ALL: that God made an everlasting covenant to be God to Abraham, Sarah, and to their offspring through all generations.

ONE: For God so loved the world

ALL: that God sent Moses to deliver the Hebrew people from bondage

ONE: For God so loved the world

ALL: That God gave us The law to show us the way to life.

ONE: For God so loved the world

ALL: That God spoke to us through the Prophets.

ONE: For God so loved the world

ALL: that God gave the only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

HYMN 206
(1, 3)

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

HOUSTON

1.

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In Him There is no darkness at all.
 The night and the day are both alike.
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain: In Him There is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Bob Evans, baritone; Louis Shirer, organ
Words: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966; Music: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *

(The Book of Worship 1965, alt.)

SOLO

Come, Ye Sinners arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram
Bob Evans, baritone; Rick Frierson, piano

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. **

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

PROCLAMATION

"When In the Pit, Look Up"

Reverend Keith Hunter

PRAYERS OF RESPONSE

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 2172

“We Are Called”

(1, 2, 3)

1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God!

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God!

3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God!

Bob Evans, baritone; Rick Frierson, piano
Words: David Haas; Music: David Haas

BENEDICTION

** The United Methodist Book of Worship, 1992, The United Methodist Publishing House.*

***Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1 © 2014 Westminster John Knox Press*

The Reverend Keith Hunter is currently the pastor at Camden First United Methodist Church. He has served appointments across South Carolina including in Anderson, York, and more recently in Ladson and Hollywood, SC. Keith has been an active leader in South Carolina Methodism and has been part of District Committees on Ordained Ministry, Racial Reconciliation Ministries, and is currently an elected delegate to The General Conference of The United Methodist Church. He is not only an honored colleague, but also a trusted friend to Reverend Parrish. We welcome him to our service today.

FLOWERS

The flowers used in today's service are given to the honor and glory of God and in appreciation of the social workers at WSUMC, both practicing or retired, in celebration of National Social Work Month: Catherine Buchanan, Karen Carr, Sue Connolly-Nelson, Elaine Ferraro, Rick Hepfer, Kimberly McAlister, Sam Waldrep, Jane Wall, Mackin Wall, Jim Ward, Marsha Ward, and Nancy Whittle.



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