



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

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE                    "O Mensch, bewein' dein Sünde gross, BWV 622"                    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:     How beautiful is the word of the Lord!  
**ALL:     How wise are God's commandments!**  
ONE:     Through the Lord's precepts, we gain understanding.  
**ALL:     Through God's wisdom, we find truth.**  
ONE:     The Lord is our God; we are God's people.  
**ALL:     God's word lives within us, for it is written on our hearts.**  
ONE:     Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!  
**ALL:     Amen!**

HYMN 593                                    "Here I Am, Lord"                                    HERE I AM, LORD  
(1, 3)

1.    I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
      I have heard my people cry,  
      All who dwell in dark and sin  
      my hand will save.  
      I who made the stars of night,  
      I will make their darkness bright.  
      Who will bear my light to them?  
      Whom shall I send?  
*Refrain:*     Here I am, Lord.  
                  Is it I, Lord?  
                  I have heard you calling in the night.  
                  I will go, Lord,  
                  if you lead me.  
                  I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:* Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,  
if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

Karly Shorter, soprano; Rick Frierson, piano

Words: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)

Music: *Here I Am, Lord*, Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

#### OPENING PRAYER \*\*

**Gracious Lord, you know our hearts and our need for rhythm in our lives. Show us how to unlock our hearts so that we can experience fully the transforming power of your love. Be with us in the big moments, the little moments, the in-between and uncertain moments. Reveal to us the path you have for us to travel, and grant us the courage to go in the direction you would have us go. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.**

SOLO

*Create in Me*

Terre Johnson

Karly Shorter, soprano; Rick Frierson, piano

#### CONFESSION AND PARDON \*\*\*

ONE: Call to confession

**ALL: We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken because of our sin of exclusion. We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation. We confess that the circle of love is broken whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity or a hardening of the heart.**

**We confess that the circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

ONE: Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of the Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Let us rejoice and be glad! Glory to God! Amen.

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

HYMN 2152

"Change My Heart, O God"

CHANGE MY HEART

1. Change my heart, O God,  
make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God,

may I be like you.  
You are the potter,  
I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me,  
this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God,  
make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God,  
may I be like you.

Karly Shorter, soprano; Rick Frierson, piano

Words: Eddie Espinosa (Isa. 64:8)

Music: *Change My Heart*, Eddie Espinosa

PROCLAMATION

“A New Thing”

Reverend Lippert

PRAYERS OF RESPONSE \*

Lord, your word forms a strong foundation on which to build our lives. Like a sower, you have planted your truth and your law of love in our very souls. Watch over what you have planted and nurtured within us. Find us faithful, O God, that we may take what we have learned and grow to know you. For you are the One to whom we belong, the One to whom we pray. Amen.

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 383

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

BEGINNINGS

(1, 3, 5)

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.
2. 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.
5. In faith we'll gather round the table  
to taste and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new.

Karly Shorter, soprano; Rick Frierson, piano

Words: Brain Wren, 1978; alt. 1987 (Rev. 21:5)

Music: *Beginnings*, Carlton R. Young, 1984

## BENEDICTION

*\*<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4291/worship-elements-october-16-2016>*

*\*\*Bishop Holston's Wednesday Prayer (3/17/21)*

*\*\*\*The United Methodist Book of Worship, 1992, The United Methodist Publishing House. 488, amended.*



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