



# Washington Street United Methodist Church

OUTDOOR SERVICE ~ 3:00 pm

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

Rick Frierson, piano

WELCOME

*We welcome you in the Name of Christ who invites all people to follow Him. If you have not pre-registered for this service, please “register” your family at the table near the center of the parking lot. Your registration provides a means of contacting you should someone in attendance test positive for Covid. Please always wear your face mask and practice social distancing. It is an act of love!*

HYMN 117

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

(1, 2, 3, 4)

1. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!
2. Under the shadow of thy throne,  
still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God,  
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight,  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night,  
before the rising sun.

Felicia Torres, soprano; Rick Frierson, piano

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)

Music: *St. Anne*, Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen. \***

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SOLO

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

Edwin T. Childs

Felicia Torres, soprano; Rick Frierson, piano

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.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 137

HOMILY

“Lament”

Rev. Parrish

HYMN 129

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

FESTAL SONG

(1, 2, 3)

1. Give to the winds thy fears;  
hope and be undismayed.  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,  
God shall lift up thy head.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms,  
God gently clears thy way;  
wait thou God’s time; so shall this night  
soon end in joyous day.
3. Leave to God’s sovereign sway  
to choose and to command;  
so shalt thou, wondering, own that way,  
how wise, how strong this hand.

Felicia Torres, soprano; Rick Frierson, piano

Words: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 37:5)

Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter, 1894

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 707

“Hymn of Promise”

PROMISE

(1, 2, 3)

1. In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there’s a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

Felicia Torres, soprano; Rick Frierson, piano  
Words: Natalie Sleeth, 1986; Music: *Promise*, Natalie Sleeth, 1986

## BENEDICTION

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We welcome all of you to this time of worship. In these strange times we are sharing God's word and witness in new ways. We welcome old friends and new in the name of Jesus Christ. Please join us again here in this space on **Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 11:00am** for our **Easter Service**.

## PRAYER LIST

Pete Bailey	Mickey Epting	Geneva Hutchinson	Angela Powers	Nan Self
Martha Brooker	Charles Garren	Lisa Johnson	Rick Rowe	Sarah Threatt
Emily Caskey	Bud Harrelson	Rev. Judy King	Boyd Saunders	Homebound
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