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FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Beverly McClanahan.

PRAYER LIST

Pete Bailey	Bud Harrelson	Alisa Liggett	Boyd Saunders
Martha Brooker	Karen Horne	Karen Lowrimore	Stephanie Saunders
Sally Christian	Geneva Hutchinson	Beverly McClanahan	Nan Self
Mickey Epting	Lisa Johnson	Angela Powers	Sarah Threatt
Charles Garren	Rev. Judy King	Rick Rowe	Our Homebound

MAY 9, 2021

Contact information for those listed can be accessed through Engage Washington or by calling the Church Office.

Remember the homeless and hungry in our community.

Remember all military personnel and their families, especially those wounded in war.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE!

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The congregation of Washington Street UMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways that reach our neighbors near and far. We welcome and affirm all who seek the love and mercy of Christ regardless of race, creed, age, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status. We honor traditions as rooted in our history, our expression of worship, and our respect for theological curiosity. We nonetheless see vital change and ongoing renewal as essential for spiritual growth.

WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Liturgical Color: White, symbolizing our hope in the Resurrection

(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices. Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.)

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Allegro- From Concerto in G Major
Johann Sebastian Bach
Louis Shirer, organ

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

HYMN 121 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" WELLESLEY
(vs. 1, 4)

OPENING PRAYER *(In Unison)*

Holy God, source of life and source of love, we pray that you would gather us by your spirit as one body in Christ Jesus. Grant us malleable minds, so that our thinking is shaped by your commandments; grant us open hearts, so that we are prepared to love one another as you have loved us; grant us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we might live like Jesus and in Him and through Him, abide in your love now and forever. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 "The Apostles' Creed"

*THE GOSPEL LESSON John 15:9-17

SOLO *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
arr. Mark Hayes
Felicia Torres, soprano; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10:44-48

THE PROCLAMATION "This Chosen Family"

RESPONDING TO GOD

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.

SENDING FORTH TO SERVE

OFFERTORY

As we go into the world, we offer ourselves to God in loving service as we offer our gifts to the ministries of the congregation. Financial contributions may be placed in the offering plates located in the Narthex, online at wsmethodist.org, or through the mail. Thank you for supporting the ministries of this congregation with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

HYMN 111 "How Can We Name a Love" TERRA BEATA
(vs. 1, 3)

*BENEDICTION

After the Clergy have recessed, the ushers will dismiss you by rows. Please remain seated until you are dismissed. This method provides a means of maintaining social distancing as we dismiss. The pastors will greet you on the sidewalk on Washington Street.

*POSTLUDE

**Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.*

When our worship ends, our service begins!

We welcome all persons to worship this day! If you are a new friend, we hope that you will find here the warmest welcome in the Name of Christ. Please complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the clergy as you leave.