



# Washington Street United Methodist Church

(Pre-Videoed)

Liturgical Color: Green, symbolizing our growth in Christ  
Washington Street UMC ~ Christ Chapel

June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

## PRELUDE

### WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

*I invite you to create a space for worship: a place that becomes your quiet center.  
Light candles or add plants so that this becomes the place of Light and Life for you.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

**ALL: The kingdom of God is growing.**

ONE: While we sleep and rise night and day:

**ALL: The kingdom of God is growing.**

ONE: The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

**ALL: The kingdom of God is growing, its large branches are home to all kinds of people! \*\***

HYMN 2196  
(1, 3, 4)

"We Walk by Faith"

MARTYRDOM

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
No gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe him near.
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
and may our faith abound;  
to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:
4. That when our life of faith is done  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are  
in full and endless sight.

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, piano  
Words: Henry Alfred, alt. (Mark 9:24; John 20:27-29)  
Music: *MARTYRDOM*, Attr. to Hugh Wilson

OPENING PRAYER

**God, Sower of seeds,  
be at work among us, we pray,  
that your church may thrive in faithfulness.  
Whether we are the size of a tall cedar  
or are a small sprig,  
it does not matter.  
You are able to put us to good use.  
Not by our efforts,  
but by your power and grace  
we bear fruit,  
produce boughs of spacious welcome.  
You can make even a dry tree flourish!  
Even we can become a new creation!  
Urge us on, then, in the love of Christ.  
In his name we pray. Amen. \*\***

THE EPISTLE LESSON                      II Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-1                      *(Common English Bible)*

SOLO    *What Wondrous Love Is This?*    Kevin McCarter  
Felicia Torres, soprano; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

THE GOSPEL LESSON                      Mark 4:26-34    *(Common English Bible)*

PROCLAMATION                                      “Our Growing Family”    Reverend Parrish

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 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.

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, piano

Words: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

Music: *PROMISE*, Natalie Sleeth, 1986

## BENEDICTION

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