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CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: Rev. Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Licia Jackson and family in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Drinnon.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Strength in prayer is better than length in prayer.

PRAYER LIST

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Pete Bailey | Charles Garren | Rev. Judy King | Boyd Saunders |
| Thom Berry | Frances Grimes | Beverly McClanahan | Stephanie Saunders |
| Martha Boynton | Bud Harrelson | Dave Middleton | Mary Sutherland |
| Martha Brooker | Karen Horne | Nora Blair Middleton | Sarah Threatt |
| Sally Christian | Geneva Hutchinson | Rick Rowe | Homebound |
| Mickey Epting | Lisa Johnson | | |

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

SERVING TODAY		STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Children's Message	Dane Waund	Giving to-date (as of 7/18/21)
Usher	Tommy Betenbaugh	Attendance on 7/18/21: 111 (11:00)
Sound Tech	Spencer Stevens	Church Budget: \$471,497.25 - Actual \$365,227.81
Visitor Cards	Cindy Waund	Designated Giving (as of 7/18/21)
Pew Maintenance	Evangelism Team	Soup Cellar: \$37,734.65

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A Closed Mouth Gathers No Foot

July 25, 2021



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**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Liturgical Color: Green, symbolizing our growth in Christ
(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

WELCOME

*THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather as God's beloved children –

All: However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

One: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

All: So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

One: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to share with others and to hear God's word.

All: Let us worship God with joy. Amen.

*HYMN 57

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

*OPENING PRAYER *(In Unison)*

Lord, we give thanks for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. May we be open to your leading, sensitive to you speaking and alert to your calling. Make each of us an instrument of your grace. Weave us into a community showing forth your power and tenderness. Bless us and our differences and undergird our courage to stand together in love. Amen.

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885 "A Modern Affirmation"

*THE GLORIA PATRI 70

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.

LISTENING FOR GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 12:13-23

SOLO

Give Me Jesus
arr. Moses Hogan
Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 3:1-12

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE PROCLAMATION

"A Closed Mouth Gathers No Food"

Reverend Shirley

RESPONDING TO GOD

THE 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.

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 399

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

MESSIAH

*BENEDICTION

**After the Clergy have recessed, please progress to the doors remembering to practice social distancing.*

*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.