



The Cookie Thief

August 1, 2021



**WASHINGTON
STREET**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 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: Welcome to this sacred time of worship!

All: We arrive from different backgrounds and traditions, yet we share one faith.

One: We are, each of us, unique and precious to God.

All: We have different dreams and hopes, different gifts and talents, but we all seek to serve the same Lord.

One: Come, let us join our hearts in worshiping God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Yes! Let us worship and give thanks to God who loves us. Amen.

*HYMN 731

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

AUSTRIA

Words: John Newton, 1779 (Ps. 87:3; Is. 33:20-21; Ex. 13:22)

Music: AUSTRIA, Croatian folk song; arr. by Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Most Holy God, you promise to be present with us always. In this hour help us to be present to you. Help us to honor you in our songs, our prayers, our words and our actions. You call us to be imitators of you by offering ourselves prayerfully in love to you and our brothers and sisters. Yet, we confess, we are prone to pre-judge our brothers and sisters. We make excuses for not loving as you love us. Forgive us and pour out upon us the Spirit to think and do what is right. Give us the strength and courage to live according to your will. We ask this through your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, our Brother and our Friend. Amen.

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

The Apostles' Creed

*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

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 14:7-13

SOLO

Panis angelicus
Cesar Franck
Karly Shorter, soprano

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 7:1-6

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE PROCLAMATION

"The Cookie Thief"
(part one of a 4-part series)

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 548

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

McKEE

Words: Sts. 1, 2, 4, John Oxenham, 1913; st. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987 (Gal. 3:28)
Music: McKEE, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

*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.

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IN MEMORIAM**Mrs. Helen Mustin Fant**

July 29, 2021

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..."

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: Rev. Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to the family and friends in the passing of Mrs. Helen Mustin Fant.

PRAYER THOUGHT

When we pray, we commit ourselves to what it is we really value in the world.

PRAYER LIST

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

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Fant by her family.

SERVING TODAY

Children's Message
Usher
Sound Tech
Visitor Cards
Pew Maintenance

Dane Waund
Tommy Betenbaugh
Lynn Shirley
Cindy Waund
Evangelism Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving to-date (as of 7/29 /21)
Church Budget: \$471,497.25 | Actual \$399,365.81
Designated Giving (as of 7/29/21)
Soup Cellar: \$37,734.65
Foundation: \$41,604.65
Attendance on 7/25/21: 108