

# JUST BREATHE



August 15, 2021

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**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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 15, 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: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

**ALL: Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

ONE: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

**ALL: Let us worship together, every generation.**

ONE: After months of learning behind screens or separated by dividers and physical space,

**ALL: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

ONE: We may still feel uncertain, seeing so many faces again, but we come together seeking God's peace in this beautiful community.

**ALL: Let us worship together, united in Christ.**

\*HYMN 102

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1663; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858 (Sir. 50:22-24)

Music: NUN DANKET, Johann Gruger, 1647; harm. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**Steady and comforting God, with you, every transition and new start is a reminder of your goodness.**

**You are always creating fresh, amazing things in us and through us. In a year of turmoil, disruption, and loss, we recognize the gift of learning and the gift of teaching in ways we may not have appreciated before. So, as a new school year begins, we ask for your blessings upon the students, and upon the educators, administrators, staff and families who support them. Open all of our minds with a willingness to be faithful students of your word. Settle now our thoughts with the assurance that you are with us always. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 887

*Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39*

One: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

**All: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI 70

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.  
Music: MEINEKE, Charles Meineke, 1844

**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

Philippians 4:2-9

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ann Jessup

BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Reverend Shirley  
Terence Goodwin, Mackin Wall, and Reverend Lippert

SOLO

*Jesus, Love of My Soul*  
arr. Terre Johnson  
Maria Beery, Soprano

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-36

THE PROCLAMATION

"Breathe"  
(part three 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](http://wsmethodist.org), or through the mail. Thank you for supporting the ministries of this congregation with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.*

\*HYMN 384

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)  
Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1923

FAITHFULNESS

\*BENEDICTION

***\*Please remain seated until the pastors have cleared the aisle. Please remember to practice social distancing when exiting.***

\*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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**PRAYER THOUGHT**

Silence through prayer and meditation can help us hear God more clearly.

**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 | Peggy Weston       |
| Sally Christian | Geneva Hutchinson | Rick Rowe            | Our Homebound      |
| Mickey Epting   | Lisa Johnson      | Boyd Saunders        |                    |

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD**

The roses on the pulpit are placed in celebration of Adelheid “Heidi” Jane Wall, born July 23, 2021. Parents, Brodie and Aubrey Wall, brother, Felix, grandparents, Tom and Jane Wall, and aunts and uncle, Mackin Wall and Jaya & Adam Ruffin. And the birth of Riggs Anderson Rogers born on August 5, 2021. Parents, Kirk and Robyn Rogers, brother, Winn (Edwin) Rogers, and grandparents, Ed and Sara Fisher, aunt and uncle Barrett and Paul Case, and cousin Jackson. We welcome both Heidi and Riggs to our Washington Street family.

**FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Barry McLaughlin Joye by his family.

**SERVING TODAY**

Children’s Moment  
Usher  
Sound/Video  
Visitor Cards  
Pew Maintenance

Ann Jessup  
Tommy Betenbaugh  
Grant Jackson/Lynn Shirley  
Suzanne Joye  
Evangelism Team

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Giving to-date** (no report available)  
Attendance on 8/8/21: 91