



Coulda, Woulda, Oughta, Shoulda

August 22, 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.

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 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: Come together, people of God, out of the gloom and shadow of a troubled world.

All: We come seeking God's help to let go of all that weighs us down.

One: Come to worship people of God, trusting the Spirit to meet you here and give you peace.

All: Lord, grant us grace that with open hearts and minds we might hear your voice and receive your peace. Amen.

*HYMN 61

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

Words: Anon

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1769

*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.

*INVOCATION

Rev. Alston Lippert

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.

LISTENING FOR GOD

EPISTLE LESSON

Phillipians 3:13-14

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Susan Caskey

SOLO

Thou Art God
Felicia Torres, Soprano

Lionel Bourne

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:25-27

SERMON

"Coulda, Woulda, Oughta, Shoulda"
(part four of a 4-part series)

Reverend Shirley

RESPONDING TO GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God of mercy, the fragments of our broken promises, broken relationships and broken spirits are weighing us down. The wreckage and debris of shattered dreams and trust fills us with regret and guilt. With humble hearts, we confess now in silence the ways we have failed to live up to the name "Christian".

PRAYER FOR PARDON

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Hear the Good news, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

OFFERING OUR THANKS TO GOD

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.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN 462

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882
Music: TRUST IN JESUS, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

TRUST IN JESUS

*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

If you have trouble praying, read scripture. It can take the form of a prayer.

PRAYER LIST

Pete Bailey
Thom Berry
Martha Boynton
Martha Brooker
Sally Christian
Mickey Epting

Charles Garren
Frances Grimes
Bud Harrelson
Karen Horne
Geneva Hutchinson
Lisa Johnson

Rev. Judy King
Beverly McClanahan
Dave Middleton
Nora Blair Middleton
Rick Rowe
Boyd Saunders

Stephanie Saunders
Mary Sutherland
Sarah Threatt
Heidi Wall
Peggy Weston
Our Homebound

CANNED FOOD NEEDED!
**THE WSMC SOUP CELLAR NEEDS DONATIONS OF
 CANNED VEGETABLES!**
**Drop off your donation at the church
 9:00 am to 4:00 pm!**

***PLEASE NOTE THT FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN WE WILL NOT
 OFFER CHILDREN'S CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.***

SERVING TODAY

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

Susan Caskey
Tommy Betenbaugh
Grant Jackson/Lynn Shirley
Suzanne Joye
Evangelism Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving to-date (as of 8-18-21)
 Church YTD \$432,242.92
 Soup Cellar YTD \$41,604.65
 Foundation Gifts YTD \$31,661.25
 Attendance on 8/15/21: 123