



Screaming at the Television

August 8, 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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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 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 worship as we celebrate the God of infinite power and love, who has called us into community!

All: We come today with joy to meet our Lord. For we yearn to feel God's pleasure and to let go of the burdens that are weighing us down.

One: In this time and in this place, with God's help, we can let go of the baggage of past pains and hurts. We can join with one another and experience new life and joy in the here and now.

All: Let us journey together with hope giving thanks to God for the gift of grace and understanding at work in our lives. Amen.

*HYMN 66

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)

Music: LAUDA ANIMA, JOHN GOSS, 1869

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Eternal God, we long for truths that are lasting, yet we want our faith to be alive to the people and problems of today. As we move forward in an ever changing world, may faith in Christ be our anchor, and your love be our guide through the presence and power of the Spirit. Unite our hearts, even as we unite our voices in prayer and praise this day. We offer this prayer in the merciful name of your Son, Amen.

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

The Apostles' Creed

*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

Ephesians 4:31-32

SOLO

Abide with Me
arr. Terre Johnson
Bob Evans, baritone

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18: 21-35

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE PROCLAMATION

"Screaming at the Television"
(part two 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 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Words: Charles Wesley, 1747

HYFRYDOL

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from The English Hymnal, 1906

*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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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

If you would like to donate to the flower fund, please visit wsmethodist.org/giving or send by check with Flowers noted in the memo field.

ALDERSGATE SPECIAL NEEDS GIVING

To give to the Aldersgate Special Needs program, please visit wsmethodist.org/giving or send a check with Aldersgate in the memo field to the church office.

SERVING TODAY

Children's Message
Usher
Sound Tech
Visitor Cards
Pew Maintenance

Beth Matthews
Tommy Betenbaugh
Lynn Shirley
Suzanne Joye
Evangelism Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving to-date (as of 8/4 /21)
Church Budget: \$471,497.25 | Actual \$420,726.25
Designated Giving (as of 8/4/21)
Soup Cellar: \$41,964.65
Foundation (Gifts): \$31,611.25
Attendance on 8/1/21: 94