



# THE WISDOM PYRAMID

*What A Wonderful World*

**September 26, 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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 26, 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

*Allegro from Concerto in G Major, BWV 592*  
Louis Shirer, organ

Johann Ernst/Johann S. Bach

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's creation is filled with signs of God's presence with us to guide us.

**All: The earth is filled with God's glory and reminds us that we are loved.**

One: Let us pray for the wisdom to know how to learn from and care for God's creation;

**All: And let us give thanks to God for the beauty and wonder of all creatures great and small. Amen.**

\*HYMN 160

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

MARION

Words: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865 (Ps. 20:4; 147:1, Phil. 4:4)

Music: Arthur H. Messiter, 1889

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and other by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI 70

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th Century  
Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

MEINEKE

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Alston Lippert

## LISTENING FOR GOD

ANTHEM	<i>Creating God, Your Fingers Trace</i>	Ralph Johnson
FIRST LESSON	Proverbs 30:24-28	
GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 6:25-30	
PROCLAMATION	"What A Wonderful World"	Rev. Becky Shirley

## RESPONDING TO GOD

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.**

SOLO *Alleluja from the Motet Exsultate, jubilate* W. A. Mozart

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](http://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 110 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG  
Verse 1, 3, 4 Congregation; Verse 2 Choir Only  
Words: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; trans. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Ps. 46)  
Music: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; harm. from *The New Hymnal for American Youth*, 1930

\*BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE *Presto from Concerto in G Major, BWV 592* Johann Ernst/Johann S. Bach  
Louis Shirer, organ

*\*Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.*

***When our worship ends, our service begins!***

## WELCOME TO THE WORLD

The rose on the pulpit is placed in celebration of Ralph Frame Matthews, Jr. (Chip), born on September 20, 2021. Parents, Ralph and Sara Lide Matthews, sisters, Helen and Laura, grandparents, Lanneau and Mary Lide, aunt and uncle Elizabeth and Pato Aravena, and cousins Alma Louise, Rosemary and Teddy welcome Chip to their family as we welcome him to our Washington Street family.

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**PRAYER THOUGHT**

If your day is hemmed in with prayer, it is less likely to become unraveled.

**PRAYER LIST**

Thom Berry  
Martha Boynton  
Martha Brooker  
Sally Christian  
Heidi Conte  
Mickey Epting

Frances Grimes  
Bud Harrelson  
Karen Horne  
Geneva Hutchinson  
Lisa Johnson  
Rev. Judy King

Beverly McClanahan  
David Middleton  
Lauren, Greg, and Nora  
Blair Middleton and  
family  
Rick Rowe

Boyd Saunders  
Stephanie Saunders  
Sarah Threatt  
Peggy Weston  
Our homebound

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

Due to the continuation of the COVID 19 in our area and for the health and safety of our children, we will be filming our weekly Children's Moments which can be enjoyed each weekend on our website and Facebook page.

**SERVING TODAY**

Usher  
Sound/Video  
Visitor Cards  
Pew Maintenance

Tommy Betenbaugh  
Lynn Shirley/Spencer Stevens  
Suzanne Joye  
Finance Committee

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Giving to-date** (as of 9-24-21)  
Church YTD \$513,068  
Soup Cellar YTD \$56,091  
Foundation Gifts YTD \$31,686  
Attendance on 9/19/21:94

See you Saturday at Blessing of the Animals!  
10 am to noon

