



THE WISDOM PYRAMID

An Epistemological Crisis

September 5, 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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 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

Rick Frierson, piano

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

All: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

One: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

All: And I will give you rest."

One: So let us take time now to rest from our labors;

to give God thanks for all who labor and serve for the common good;

(Pause for silent prayers)

to pray for all who are seeking work;

(Pause for silent prayers)

and to seek wisdom for how we can use our time and talents in ways that convey God's healing presence at work in this world.

(Pause for silent prayers)

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we offer these prayers.

All: Amen.

*HYMN 427

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

Words: Frank Mason North, 1903 (Mt. 22:9)

Music: GERMANY, William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

UMH 33

LISTENING FOR GOD

SOLO

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Karly Shorter, Soprano

John Rutter

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Proverbs 3:5-6

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Dane Waund

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 7:24-29

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.

RESPONDING TO GOD

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 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See
Words: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES

Music: OPEN MY EYES, Clara H. Scott, 1895

*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.

We welcome into our membership today by baptism, Erin Oehler and by transfer of membership her husband, Dr. Michael Oehler. We also welcome their oldest child, Isabel (Izzy) and celebrate with them today's baptism of their youngest child Eleanor (Ellie).

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN WE ARE NOT OFFERING CHILDREN'S CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. HOWEVER, PLEASE PICK UP AN ACTIVITY BAG IN THE NARTHEX FOR THE CHILDREN TO USE DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.



CANNED FOOD & INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACKS NEEDED!

for the WSUMC Soup Cellar
Drop off your donation in the Mission Garden
at the church – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm!



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PRAYER THOUGHT

A single prayer can change the course of history.

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

David Middleton
Lauren, Greg, and Nora
Blair Middleton and
family
Rick Rowe
Boyd Saunders
Stephanie Saunders

Sarah Threatt
Heidi Wall
Peggy Weston
Our homebound

SERVING TODAY

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

Rev. Becky Shirley
Tommy Betenbaugh
Lynn Shirley/Spencer Stevens
Suzanne Joye
Finance Committee

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving to-date (as of 9-1-21)
Church YTD \$452,049
Soup Cellar YTD \$53,332
Foundation Gifts YTD \$31,661
Attendance on 8/29/21: 95

NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE!

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