

# BECOMING THE ME I WANT TO BE

PART ONE

October 24, 2021

What's Under Your Skin?



**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

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
October 24, 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

Leader: The whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

**People: "Love your neighbor as yourself."**

Leader: Let us live by the Spirit;

**People: Let us love and serve one another, as led by the Spirit;**

Leader: May we worship God, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the love of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

\*HYMN 122

*God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*  
Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983  
Music: Carl F. Schalk, 1983

ROEDER

OPENING PRAYER (To be prayed in unison)

**Holy One, we come before you today:**

**full of hope, full of desire, full of promise.**

**We are grateful that you have blessed us with freedom—**

**freedom to follow or to turn away;**

**freedom to love or to hate;**

**freedom to heal or to hurt.**

**You ask only that we follow your ways,**

**loving our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Give us the strength to follow you in the ways of love.**

**The courage to work for peace and the grace to choose joy each day.**

**In the strong name of Jesus we offer this prayer. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Up to the Hills I Lift My Eyes*

Normand Gouin

\*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 others 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.**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

**LISTENING FOR GOD**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Galatians 5:22-23 and John 15:4-5

OFFERTORY

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Bob Chilcott

Karly Shorter

SERMON

*Becoming the Me I Want*

“What’s Under Your Skin?”

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

\*HYMN 368

*My Hope Is Built*

THE SOLID ROCK

Words: Edward Mote, 1834

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863

\*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!***

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## PRAYER THOUGHT

When we pray, we are demonstrating our belief in a power that is greater than our own.

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## PRAYER LIST

Thom Berry  
Martha Boynton  
Martha Brooker  
Paul Brown  
Sally Christian  
Heidi Conte

Mickey Epting  
Frances Grimes  
Bud Harrelson  
Karen Horne  
Geneva Hutchinson  
Lisa Johnson

Rev. Judy King  
Mike LeFever  
Beverly McClanahan  
David Middleton  
Lauren, Greg, and Nora  
Blair Middleton and  
family

Rick Rowe  
Boyd Saunders  
Stephanie Saunders  
Sarah Threatt  
Tom Wall  
Peggy Weston

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## SERVING TODAY

Usher  
Sound/Video

Tommy Betenbaugh  
Lynn Shirley/Charles Garren

Visitor Cards  
Pew Maintenance

Spencer Stevens  
Suzanne Joye  
Finance Committee

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Giving to-date** (as of 10-14-21)  
Church YTD \$547,213  
Soup Cellar YTD \$61,551  
Foundation Gifts YTD \$31,686  
Attendance on 10/17: 98



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