



# THE WISDOM PYRAMID

*Wisdom's Daily Bread*

**October 10, 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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 10, 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: In the stillness of this moment, we bring our concerns, anxieties, fears - for ourselves, for families and friends, and for our world.

**All: In the stillness of this moment, we seek God's wisdom and healing words of peace and love.**

One: Let us call upon God in this time of worship to open our hearts to receive love, our ears to hear God's words and our spirits to do God's will.

**All: Let us worship God as we pray for God's wisdom and power to infiltrate our hearts, our minds and our spirits. Amen.**

\*HYMN 400

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Sam. 7:12)

Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

OPENING PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray:

**God of Diversity and union, we praise you for your compassion and your abundant mercy and love. As we face the challenges and disappointments of life, we have listened to the words of the street corner. We have searched for guidance from the media and the marketplace. We have heard the words of our friends and neighbors. You, O God, are tireless in speaking to us, but we confess we find easy to ignore your words when they require painful change. We are prone to reject the truth when it is inconvenient. Forgive us for our stubborn insistence that our way is the best way. When our hearts are hard, and our concern is only for ourselves, help us to turn to your scriptures. Speak through those ancient words to guide us and keep us close to you. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Out of the Depths*

Richard Frost

One: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People:**

**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

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

### LISTENING FOR GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 1:1-2 and James 1:22-25

SOLO

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

trans. Craig Courtney

PROCLAMATION

“Wisdom’s Daily Bread”

### GOING FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN 117

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)

Music: Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

\*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!*

## CHARGE CONFERENCE IS TODAY AT 1:30 PM VIA ZOOM

The annual Charge Conference is today at 1:30 pm on October 10 with our district superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson, and will be held via a Zoom link. See Rev. Becky today after the service if you are interested in attending and she can give you the link address to participate. Everyone is welcome to join us for this annual reflection on the ministries that WSUMC has been involved in over the past year.

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## PRAYER THOUGHT

Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it. Just remember, God has the final word.

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## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

- *Volunteer bakers are needed to bake goods for the upcoming Cake Walk at our Fall Festival on Oct. 31.*
  - *Participants are needed to decorate their cars and participate in Trunk or Treat at the Festival. Prizes will be awarded! Contact Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org if you are interested in either of these opportunities.*
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## ORGAN DONATIONS NEEDED

*Contribute today to the organ fund! Help us keep her sounding beautiful! Give online at [wsmethodist.org/giving](http://wsmethodist.org/giving) or send a check today. Label in memo as organ fund.*

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## 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  
Tom Wall  
Peggy Weston  
Our homebound

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## 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 & Facebook .

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## SERVING TODAY

Usher                      John Radford/Robbie Douglas  
Sound/Video            Charles Garren/Spencer Stevens  
Visitor Cards            Suzanne Joye  
Pew Maintenance       Finance Committee

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Giving to-date** (as of 10-7-21)  
Church YTD \$530,251  
Soup Cellar YTD \$560,872  
Foundation Gifts YTD \$31,686  
Attendance on 10/3: 91

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