



## BECOMING THE ME I WANT TO BE PART TWO

# Taking the Next Step

October 31, 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

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
October 31, 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

*Toccata in D Minor  
A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Johann G. Walther

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and worship, you who love the Lord  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

**All: We have come into this community of God's people,  
to worship alongside the neighbors we know  
and the neighbors we have yet to meet.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who showed us how to live a fruitful life. Amen.

\*HYMN 57

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
Words: Charles Wesley, 1739  
Music: Carl G. Glaser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

AZMON

OPENING PRAYER (To be prayed in unison)

**Holy God, we give you thanks that by your presence, our anxieties can dissolve into patience.  
By your touch, our anger can evaporate and kindness can motivate our actions.  
By your grace, our envious spirits can become generous hearts.  
Forgive us for the ways and times we have not lived by the guidance of your Spirit.  
Renew a right spirit within us today. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Beloved, God's Chosen*  
Flute: Rebecca Rebl

ROBERT HOBBY

\*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 Luke 6:27-36

OFFERTORY

*Wondrous Love*  
Flute: Rebecca Rebl

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

SERMON

*Becoming the Me I Want, Part II*  
"Taking the Next Step"

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.**

### GOING FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN 384

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

HYFRYDOL

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

\*BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata from Suite Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann

*\*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

Look for the Lord and his strength through prayer. Seek His face always.

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### PRAYER LIST

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

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  
Our homebound

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### FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Don Fowler by Carol Fowler and their children and grandchildren.

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#### *IN MEMORIAM*

Mr. Paul Brown  
October 28, 2021

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..."*

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Rev. Becky J. Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Mrs. Susan Brown and family in the passing of her husband, Mr. Paul Brown, father of Jordan Brown and Bess Brown Ratsimbaharison.

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### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Terri Woodruff and family in the passing of her mother, Merle Lynn Hensley Woodruff of Erwin, TN.

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### SERVING TODAY

Usher  
Sound/Video  
Visitor Cards  
Pew Maintenance

Alan-Jon Zupan  
Lynn Shirley/Spencer Stevens  
Suzanne Joye  
Finance Committee

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Giving to-date** (as of 10-14-21)  
Church YTD \$555,504  
Soup Cellar YTD \$63,922  
Foundation Gifts YTD \$31,686  
Attendance on 10/24: 86

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