

The colors purple and blue are significant religious symbols and appropriate representations for this Service of Repentance and Healing. Purple is the color that we United Methodists associate with Lent, suggesting repentance and the royalty of Jesus. Blue, on the other hand, is used to symbolize healing, as both mental and physical cooling and calming. Together, these two colors merge to embody the essence of this service: to repent of the sin of racism, white privilege, and our participation in it, seek forgiveness and recognize the need for healing for those who suffer from racism. The colors of purple and blue are used throughout this service --in our lapel ribbons, altar flowers, appointments, and table decorations in Threatt Hall. We invite you to wear your lapel ribbon during the remaining days of Lent and take several with you to share with friends. Our hope is that the ribbons will continue to spark discussion about this service.

SERVING TODAY

in addition to those listed in the order of service

WSUMC Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Worship Leader-Journey Church	LaTonya Fleming
Assistant Worship Leader-Journey Church	Carmen Bowman
Vocalists	Yasmin Bradshaw, Cody Lidge, Mary Jones, Chanda Kelly, Olisha Ashford
Bassoonist	Bob Evans
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson, Sean Johnson
Video/Sound	Jane Peterson/Mackin Wall
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Lee Smith
Volunteers	Carol Fowler, Sue Dillon, Anne Sinclair, Beth Matthews, Cindy Cox, and Charles Calhoun
Flowers	Sam Waldrep
Refreshments	Mary Lide

Today's service is hosted by WSUMC's Racial Justice Action Team; Nancy Whittle, Coordinator.

Offering of reparation: Donations may be made to Journey Church.

Please place your offering in one of the plates in the Narthex. Make checks payable to Journey Church.

We invite you to stay after the service for cookies and punch, fellowship, and conversation in Threatt Hall.

*As we continue our journey of repentance and healing, we invite you to join Rev. Dr. Melanie Dobson and Rev. Alston Lippert on a tour of the Modjeska Simkins House in Columbia on **Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 am**. This will be an experience of pilgrimage, of prayer, and a journey through the life of Modjeska Simkins, a civil rights icon in SC. After the tour, there will be a time for discussion and reflection.*

Service of REPENTANCE & HEALING

Sunday, March 27 | 5:00 pm



WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PRELUDE	<i>Variations on Detroit</i>	David Hurd
WELCOME		The Reverend Becky Shirley
*CALL TO WORSHIP		The Reverend Becky Shirley
One:	We have become burdened by the weight of injustice and racial disparity.	
All:	God lift us up, be our strength and our guide.	
One:	We have come as the "walking wounded" in need of healing from hurts we have felt and given.	
All:	God heal us, be our strength and our guide.	
One:	We have come for understanding of our differences, our sameness and our uniqueness	
All:	God open our minds and hearts to new truths.	
One:	We have come to honor the people who have labored before us trying to make us a beloved community.	
All:	God help us remember and be our strength and our guide	
One:	We have come hungry for the "bread of peace"	
All:	Bread of Heaven, feed us until we want no more.	
One:	We have come so that we won't forget that racism still exists, even in our churches	
All:	God help us remember and learn from our mistakes, be our strength and our guide.	
One:	We have come to prepare ourselves to work	
All:	God renew our hope and prepare us to work while it is still day.	
INVOCATION AND CENTERING PRAYER		The Reverend Dr. Melanie Dobson
SOLO	<i>Balm In Gilead</i>	Harry T. Burleigh
	Soloist: Yasmin Bradshaw	
SCRIPTURE	Galatians 3:25-29	The Reverend George Ashford
TESTIMONY		Mr. Freddie Jacobs

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER
 TESTIMONY Ms. Nancy Whittle
 MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER
 TESTIMONY The Reverend Antoinette Moss
 MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER
 TESTIMONY Mr. Charles Calhoun
 MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER
 SOLO *For Everyone Born* arr. Tom Trenney
 Soloist: Cody Lidge
 Bassoonist: Bob Evans
 SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 The Reverend Mary Johnson
 *A LITANY FOR THOSE WHO AREN'T
 READY FOR HEALING+ The Reverend Martin Quick
 Let us not rush to the language of healing, before understanding the fullness of the injury and the depth of the wound.
Let us not rush to offer a band-aid, when the gaping wound requires surgery and complete reconstruction.
 Let us not offer false equivalencies, thereby diminishing the particular pain being felt in a particular circumstance in a particular historical moment.
Let us not speak of reconciliation without speaking of reparations and restoration, or how we can repair the breach and how we can restore the loss.
 Let us not rush past the loss of this mother's child, this father's child ... someone's beloved son.
Let us not value property over people; let us not protect material objects while human lives hang in the balance.
 Let us not value a false peace over a righteous justice.
Let us not be afraid to sit with the ugliness, the messiness, and the pain that is life in community together.
 Let us not offer clichés to the grieving, those whose hearts are being torn asunder.
 Instead ...
 Let us mourn black and brown men and women, those killed extra-judicially every 28 hours.
Let us lament the loss of a teenager, dead at the hands of a police officer who described him as a demon.
 Let us weep at a criminal justice system, which is neither blind nor just.
Let us call for the mourning men and the wailing women, those willing to rend their garments of privilege and ease, and sit in the ashes of this nation's original sin.
 Let us be silent when we don't know what to say.
Let us be humble and listen to the pain, rage and grief pouring from the lips of our neighbors and friends.
 Let us decrease, so that our brothers and sisters who live on the underside of history may increase.
Let us pray with our eyes open and our feet firmly planted on the ground.

Let us listen to the shattering glass and let us smell the purifying fires, for it is the language of the unheard.
God, in your mercy ...
 Show me my own complicity in injustice.
Convict me for my indifference.
 Forgive me when I have remained silent.
Equip me with a zeal for righteousness. Never let me grow accustomed or acclimated to unrighteousness.
 SOLO *Healer* Hillsong
 PRAYER OF CONFESSION++ The Reverend Alston Lippert
 SOLO *He's Able* Deitrick Haddon
 *THE PEACE
 Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.
 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*
 We give thanks, our Creator and Liberator...
 In remembering all that Jesus did and taught, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
 THE LORD'S PRAYER
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.
 RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
 *HYMN #533 *We Shall Overcome* MARTIN
 BENEDICTION/BLESSING/DISMISSAL♦
 +©2014 Yolanda Pierce; yolandapierce.blogspot.com/2014/11/a-litany-for-those-who-arent-ready-for
 ++Heather Burtch, member, WPAUMC Anti-Racism Team; www.wpaumc.org/antiracismworshipresources
 *(Adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual 2015: Thanksgiving and Communion section by Joanne Brown)
 ♦Adapted from Randy Litchfield, "A Prayer for Place-Making" in United Against Racism: Churches for Change by The National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA (New York: Friendship Press, 2018), 133.

Connecting Traditional Spiritual Practices & Anti-Racism

An online small group

Wednesdays | Noon-1:00 pm

(April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18, May 25 and June 1)

Email jane@wsmethodist.org for a Zoom link