

Stepping Stones in Our Journey with Christ



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S i x S t e p s t o a G e n e r o u s L i f e

Adapted from a series created by Bob Crossman

Part 2: A Life Grounded in the Word

March 13, 2022



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

2nd Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Liturgical Color: Purple, symbolizing both penitence and royalty.

(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

Chorale Prelude on "Martyrdom"

Sir C. Hubert H. Parry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:102-105

*HYMN #295

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

Words: John Bowring, 1825

Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1849

*INVOCATION

*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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

MINISTRY MOMENT

Mackin Wall, Director of Children & Family Ministries

BIBLE PRESENTATION+

Alma Louise Aravena (age 8); Emily Gray McCook (age 9); Lucy Renee Woods (age 9).

REV. ALSTON: Luke 2:41

REV. BECKY: As a congregation, we all have the privilege and responsibility to share our faith stories

and support these children as they learn and grow in faith. Therefore, I invite you to join me in praying for God’s guidance and grace in this endeavor:

CONGREGATION: Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of the Holy Scriptures. As we celebrate this day with these children and their families, we ask that you help us to be faithful in our personal devotional reading. Guide us in the ways we can support and encourage these children in their study of your Word, so that by your Spirit we may each become wiser, more loving and more active followers of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MACKIN WALL: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words.

LEE HAYNES: Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all.

LICIA JACKSON: They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

CHILDREN: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

The children and leaders face the congregation.

CONGREGATION TO CHILDREN: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God’s Word.

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OFFERTORY *In the Shadow of Your Wings* John Leavitt

*DOXOLOGY #95 *Words: Thomas Ken, 1674*
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551 OLD 100th

*HYMN #479 *Jesus Lover of My Soul* ABERYSTWYTH
Words: Charles Wesley, 1740 (Wis. 11:26)
Music: Joseph Parry, 1879

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 1

SERMON “Stepping Stones In Our Journey to Christ” Rev. Alston Lippert
Part Two: “A Life Grounded in the Word”

*HYMN #395 *Take Time to Be Holy* HOLINESS
Words: William D. Longstaff, ca. 1882 (1 Pet. 1:16)
Music: George C. Stebbins, 1890

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Improvisation* **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

We should never read the Bible without praying as we should never pray without reading the Bible.

PRAYER LIST

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Martha Boynton
Heidi Conte
Mickey Epting
Michelle Graham
Rev. Paul Harmon
Bud Harrelson

Karen Horne
Geneva Hutchinson
Debby Joyner
Rev. Judy King
Martha Helen King
Mike LeFever
Paul McClanahan

David Middleton
Lauren, Greg, and Nora
Blair Middleton and
family
Genie & Ron Quinn
Rufus Rogers
Rick Rowe

Boyd Saunders
Stephanie Saunders
Sarah Threatt
Edee Vaughan
Kelly Wright
Our homebound

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Rev. Becky Shirley and the entire WSUMC staff welcome, Laura “Blair” Thompson to the world! She is the great-granddaughter of Janet Cotter. Blair was born March 6, in Atlanta to granddaughter Beth and her husband, Will Thompson.

SAVE THE DATE!**Service of Repentance & Healing**

March 27, 5:00 pm | Sanctuary | Hosted by WSUMC & Journey Church

Recognizing that if we do not acknowledge the sins of racism in our past and present, individually and systemically, we cannot hope to understand and heal the wounds of racist comments and actions, the service will include elements of confession and repentance and the repudiation of the times when this church has been silent in the face of racial injustice.

BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 20, WSUMC WILL MOVE TO MASK OPTIONAL IN THE CHURCH. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTINUE WEARING YOUR MASK IF YOU ARE MORE COMFORTABLE DOING SO!

SERVING TODAY

Usher
Sound/Video
Visitor Cards
Pew Maintenance
Nursery

Tommy Betenbaugh
Charles Garren/Lynn Shirley
Suzanne Joye
Worship Team
Jane Peterson

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(as of 3-11-22):
Church Budget: TBD—PENDING FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL
Church Actual: \$86,579
Soup Cellar: \$12,260
Foundation Gifts: \$250

Attendance on 3/6/22: 106 (in-person); 90 (Online as of 3-11-22); TOTAL = 196

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