

Part 4: A Life of Generosity

# March 27, 2022



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

4th Sunday in Lent March 27, 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

Elegy

Sir C. Hubert H. Parry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As people of hope and wonder, as people of peace and joy, as disciples of Jesus, wandering his Way—let's get ready to worship God!

All: We are ready to pray. We are ready to sing. We are ready to hear the Bible lesson as it is read. One: Are you ready for the Spirit to remind you of all the moments of blessing that have filled your life? All: We are ready to give witness to the blessings we have received from God. Our witness will be given as we share our time, our talent, our treasures and our words.

One: Come, then and let us worship our God! Amen.

\*HYMN #378

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Words: John Newton, 1779 Music: 19th cent. USA melody; harm. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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.

#### CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MINISTRY MOMENT	Financial Giving	Joe Epting
SOLO	The King of Love My Shepherd Is Soloist: Bob Evans	Dan Forrest
*DOXOLOGY #95	Words: Thomas Ken, 1674	OLD 100th

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674 Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551 \*A LENTEN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH We believe in God — The Creator of the universe; who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy. Our God sustains us in our weakness, and empowers us with strength. We follow Jesus Christ, God's Son. In Him the Word became flesh; in Him we find forgiveness, renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness, and release from despair. His resurrection is our hope and we are saved through Him. We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world. That same Spirit calls us to be the Church, to celebrate love, to seek justice and resist evil to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen. We are disciples, pilgrim people. We joyfully covenant to walk together in love. To live in fellowship, in life, in death, in life beyond death. God is with us! We are not alone! Thanks be to God!

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70	Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent. Music: Charles Meineke, 1844	MEINEKE
ANTHEM	My Song Is Love Unknown	Edwin T. Childs
SCRIPTURE LESSON	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	
SERMON	"Stepping Stones In Our Journey to Christ" Part Four: "A Life of Generosity"	Rev. Becky Shirley

\*HYMN #384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Words: Charles Wesley, 1747 Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from The English Hymnal, 1906

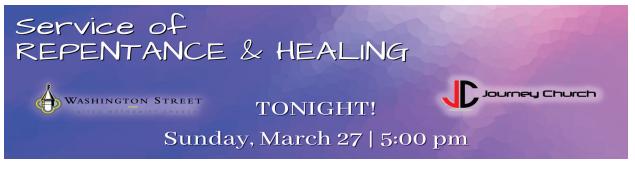
\*BENEDICTION

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

Prayer when you are worried. Prayer puts everything in perspective.

#### PRAYER LIST

Thom Berry 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



by Georgiana Summers

## *The story of the Last Supper* Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022 | 7:00 pm | Threatt Hall

#### SERVING TODAY

Usher Sound/Video Visitor Cards Pew Maintenance Nursery Tommy Betenbaugh Charles Garren/Spencer Stevens Suzanne Joye Worship Team Shelley Stafford STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(as of 3-24-22): Church Budget: TBD—PENDING FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL Church Actual: \$109,938 Soup Cellar: \$13,389 Foundation Gifts: \$250

#### Attendance on 3/20/22: 117 (in-person); 102 (Online as of 3-25-22); TOTAL = 219

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