

# A Life of Prayer

March 6, 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

1st Sunday in Lent March 6, 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** 

Allergo moderato e serioso from Sonata I, Opus 65, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

All: that Christ may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his path.

(Isaiah 2:5, 3c)

\*HYMN #269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

Words: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873 (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13, Lk. 4:1-13) Music: USA folk melody; arr. by Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938;

harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

\*INVOCATION

ANTHEM

Children of the Heavenly Father

Eric Nelson

MINISTRY MOMENT

Christine Hait, Stewardship Chairperson

ANTHEM

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

Michael Costello

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 139:23-24

**SERMON** 

"Stepping Stones In Our Journey to Christ"

Rev. Becky Shirley

Part One, "A Life of Prayer"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

**CONFESSION & PARDON** 

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

### We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. ... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, ... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. ... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

#### \*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 & CUP

If you are in need of Communion elements, please raise your hand and an usher will it to you.

\*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** 

**CHORAL RESPONSE** 

\*POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Heinrich Fleischer

\*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**

A simple, grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer.

#### **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





Sunday, March 27 | 5:00 pm Washington St. UMC



#### **SERVING TODAY**

Usher Sound/Video Visitor Cards Pew Maintenance Nursery Tommy Betenbaugh Charles Garren/Spencer Stevens Suzanne Joye Worship Team Susan Hefelfinger

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(as of 3-3-22):

Church Budget: TBD—PENDING FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Church Actual: \$64,984 Soup Cellar: \$11,590 Foundation Gifts: \$250

Attendance on 2/27/22: 94 (in-person); 122 (Online as of 3-3-22); TOTAL = 216