



# Encounters with Christ

July 17, 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.



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July 17, 2022 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgical Color: Green

*(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

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus once said to Martha, “You are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.”

**All: We come from busy days and hurried lives. We confess that like Martha we are worried and distracted by many things. We often lose our way and forget what is central to living.**

One: Then in this space, let us come into the presence, the silence, the quiet peace of Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to nourish and re-center our lives. Amen.

\*Hymn #546

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; adapt. by Laurence Hull Stookey, 1983

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

OPENING PRAYER

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.**

ANTHEM

*The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee*  
WSUMC Choir

Jean Berger

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Ann Jessup

*(After the Children's Moments, children 2 yrs. to first grade may be dismissed to Children's Church.)*

COMMISSION OF THE ECUADOR MISSION TEAM

Rev. Becky Shirley

OFFERTORY

*Give Me Jesus*  
Soloist: Yasmin Bradshaw

arr. Moses Hogan

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Words: Thomas Ken, 1674  
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Inspired by Psalm 20++

One: Do you believe?

**All: Yes, in spite of ourselves, we do believe!**

**While some follow fad and fashion, changing with the seasons in Paris, London, and New York, we follow the man from Nazareth.**

**While some put their hope in a big lotto win, or chase profits at no matter what cost to family, we put our hope in loving one another as our Christ has loved us.**

**While some may give in to a sophisticated cynicism, or some fall into apathy or despair, we put our faith in the God who has shown us love in Jesus the Christ.**

**While some may boast that they possess a superior education, culture, or living standard, we boast in the self-giving sacrificial love that led Jesus to die on a cross.**

**While some try to justify themselves by prizing fame or power, or by claiming superior morals, we allow the grace we receive from Jesus to be our best prize.**

**Because of Jesus, yes, we believe in the living God by whose Holy Spirit all things are open to change and renewal - and that includes us and the church.**

**Thanks be to God!**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.  
Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10: 38-42

SERMON

“Encounters With Christ”

Rev. Becky Shirley

\*HYMN #557

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

Words: John Fawcett, 1782

Music: Johann G. Nageli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.*

***When our worship ends, our service begins!***

*++Affirmation modified from the “Almost Creed” — written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer’s Home Page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com>*

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## PRAYER THOUGHT

Thru prayer, God's giving is directly connected with our asking.

## PRAYER LIST

Martha Boynton  
David Byrum  
Heidi Conte  
Jimmy Dawkins  
Mickey Epting  
Rev. Paul Harmon  
Bud Harrelson  
Karen Horne

Lisa Johnson  
Debby Joyner  
Rev. Judy King  
Martha Helen King  
Mike LeFever  
Paul McClanahan  
David Middleton  
Genie & Ron Quinn

Frances "Tut" Robertson  
Rick Rowe  
Boyd Saunders  
Stephanie Saunders  
Sarah Threatt  
Edee Vaughan  
Jim Ward  
Our homebound

## SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Sound/Video	Keith Murphy/Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Sarah Jones
Nursery	Holland Hathaway, Sydney Clark
Children's Church	Mackin Wall
Online Service Moderator	Ed McClain

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**(YTD as of 7-14-22):**

**Church Budget: \$865,000**

Church	\$292,326
Soup Cellar	\$39,824
Foundation	\$22,930

**SCAN TO GIVE**



**Summer VBS Nights!**  
**(PARENTS' NIGHT OUT)**  
**AUGUST 3 (LAST ONE!)**

**BRING YOUR BATHING SUIT!**

**IT'S GOING TO BE WET!**



**Ages 4 to 12**

**5:00-8:00 pm**

Music | Games | Bible Stories  
Food & Fun!



*Nursery available for newborn  
to 3 yrs.*

**Attendance on 7/10/22: 123 (in-person); 432 (online as of 7/14/22); TOTAL = 555**

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