



Laughter

October 30, 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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WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Oct. 30, 2022 | 21st 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

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720

J. S. Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As Abraham welcomed the strangers,

All: So God welcomes us.

One: God greets us with joy and says, “rest here for awhile.”

All: God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

One: God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.

All: So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

One: Let us rest in this holy place where there is shade and water, food and laughter.

All: Amen.

*HYMN #139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; sts. 1, 3, 5 trans by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

st 2 by Paul Schilling, 1986; st. 4 by Rupert E. Davies, 1983, (Ps. 103:1-6, 150)

Music: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

INVOCATION

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

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. Heather Sorenson

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mike Alexander & Rev. Becky Shirley

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

OFFERTORY

Be thou my vision
Soloist: Emily Schlegel

Bob Chilcott

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100th

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 18:1-14a

SERMON

"Laughter"

Rev. Dr. Mike Alexander

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN #101

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

DUKE STREET

Words: Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts; sts. 3-4, anon. ca 1781 (Ps. 117)

Music: John Hatton, 1793

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Toccata from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

**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 is more than words. It is a lifeline to God.

PRAYER LIST

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Martha Boynton
David Byrum
Laura Collins
Jimmy Dawkins
Dr. Walter Dean

Mickey Epting
Rev. Paul Harmon
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson
Debby Joyner
Rev. Judy King
Martha Helen King

Mike LeFever
Paul McClanahan
David Middleton
Genie & Ron Quinn
Rick Rowe
Sarah Threatt
Edee Vaughan

Paula Walters
Jim Ward
Nancy Williams
Our homebound

FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Brown by his family.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Acolyte	Rosemary Aravena
Sound/Video	Spencer Stevens/Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jane Peterson
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Molly Growchoski
Children's Church	Mackin Wall
Online Service Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(YTD as of 10-26-22):

Church Budget: \$865,000

Church Actual	\$476,680
Soup Cellar	\$58,167
Foundation	\$23,760

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on 10/23/22:138 (in-person); 66 (online as of 10/26/22); TOTAL = 204

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