



***Sermon Series: Reset***

# **Direction Reset**

**January 29, 2023**

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

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# WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 29, 2023 | 4th Sunday After Epiphany | Green

*(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices.*

*Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.)*

## PRELUDE

## THE RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come, so sure of the way of faith, and the ways of faith...

**All: So sure of the way, we do not expect surprises.**

One: God of the road, you step into our path and startle us!

**All: So sure of the way, we are stopped in our tracks...**

One: Surprise us, nudge us, redirect our steps.

**All: So sure of the way, Lord, awaken us to new possibilities. Amen.**

## \*HYMN #157

*Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 72)

Music: John Hatton, 1793

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #886 The World Methodist Social Affirmation

## \*THE GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of grace and glory, we come before you this morning with thanksgiving and praises on our lips. Today we are in need of an alignment that only you can give. Open our hearts and minds to receive all that you have to offer so we may be a difference in this world. Transform our souls to grow more into your image that others may see you in us. Accept our brokenness and make us whole again. Reset, restore and direct us. These things we pray in Jesus' precious name. Amen.**

## 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

*Offertory*

John Ness Beck

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Becky Shirley

OFFERTORY

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

arr. Paul S. Jones

Soloist: Emily Schlegel

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\*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100TH

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

\*HYMN #308

*Thine Be the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Words: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; trans. by R. Birch Hoyle, 1923

Music: Harmonia Sacra, ca. 1753; arr. from G. F. Handel, 1747

GOSPEL LESSON

Acts 9:1-15

SERMON

Direction Reset

Rev. Becky Shirley

*Part four of a four-part series: Reset*

\*HYMN #127

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

Words: William Williams, 1745; trans. from the Welsh by Peter Williams and the author, 1771

Music: John Hughes, 1907

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.  
When our worship ends, our service begins!*

The journey of faith is a very personal one, but it is not meant to be traveled alone.

Whether you are new to WSUMC or have been attending for some time, if you would like to find out more about who we are and what we believe, please join Rev. Becky as she leads our next new members' class on **Sunday, February 5 at 4:00 in the Wesley Room.**

In our time together, you will:

- + learn about the church,
- + meet new people,
- + learn what "membership" means and,
- + find out how to get plugged into ministries that excite you

Contact Rev. Becky ([rjshirley@umcsc.org](mailto:rjshirley@umcsc.org)) to let her know your attendance plans and make plans to stay after the class to participate in our first Sunday evening fellowship meal - F.U.E.L.



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## PRAYER THOUGHT

Every blessing God pours out on us, we should return back to Him in praise.

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## PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander  
Martha Boynton  
David Byrum  
Mickey Epting  
Pat Griffin

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

Paul McClanahan  
David Middleton  
Shawn Powers  
Genie & Ron Quinn  
Rick Rowe

Nancy Williams  
Our homebound

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## SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Lucy Wood
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Children's Moments	Rev. Becky Shirley
Sound/Video	Grant Jackson/Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Shelley Stafford, Eleanore Langley
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Jane Polk
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

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## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 1-26-23

Church Budget: TBD

Church Actual	\$68,373
Soup Cellar	\$1,695
Foundation	\$50

SCAN TO GIVE



**F.U.E.L.**

FELLOWSHIP. UNITE. EAT. LOVE.

Fill up your tank at Sunday Night Fuel!



**FEBRUARY 5TH @5:00 PM  
THREATT HALL**

**JOIN US ONCE A MONTH FOR THIS  
FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY!**

**THIS MONTH...SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO WITH GIFT CARD PRIZES!**

**Attendance on 1/22/23: 135 (in-person); 100 (online as of 1-26-23); TOTAL = 235**

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