

Transfiguration Sunday



FEBRUARY 19, 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.



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February 19, 2023 | Transfiguration Sunday | White or Gold

(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 are here in darkness, yet Christ beckons us to the light.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, lead us.

ONE: Shadows of doubt and fear cloud our lives.

ALL: Bring us to your radiant Glory, O Christ.

ONE: Free us from our fears, so that we can step into the light.

ALL: Open our eyes, our hearts, our spirits, to receive your glory.

*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

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

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #882 The Apostles' Creed

*GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

OPENING PRAYER++

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. 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

Be Thou My Vision

John Rutter

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Christine Taylor

MINISTRY MOMENT

Pete Liggett, Chair of Trustees

OFFERTORY

This Is My Father's World

arr. Paul S. Jones

Soloist: Bob Evans

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100TH

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*HYMN #173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740

Music: J. G. Werner's *Choralbuch*, 1815; harm. by William H. Havergal, 1861

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

Confirmation

Rev. Alston Lippert

*HYMN #258

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

WAREHAM

Words: Sarum Breviary, 1495; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851 (Mt. 17:1-8, Mk. 9:2-8; Lk. 9:28-36)

Music: William Knapp, 1738; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

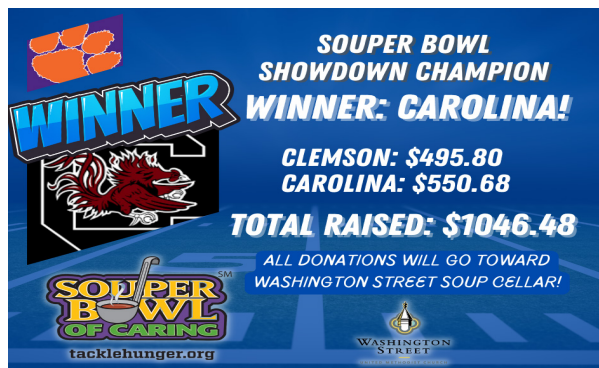
*POSTLUDE

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

When our worship ends, our service begins!

+ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3554/worship-connection-february-27-2022> amended

++ <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=69>



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PRAYER THOUGHT

God is all we need because, through Jesus, God’s love has set us free

PRAYER LIST			
Betsy Alexander	Rev. Paul Harmon	Paul McClanahan	Nancy Williams
Martha Boynton	Karen Horne	David Middleton	Mary Anne Young
David Byrum	Lisa Johnson	Shawn Powers	Our homebound
Wendy Clark	Debby Joyner	Genie & Ron Quinn	
Mickey Epting	Jean Kanes	Rick Rowe	
Pat Griffin	Martha Helen King	Jim Webber	

IN SYMPATHY

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Betty Bowers in the death of her brother, Charles Gooding, who died on Thursday, February 9, 2023.

SERVING TODAY		STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate	<u>As of 2-16-23</u>	
Organ	Louis Shirer	<u>Church Budget: TBD</u>	
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson	Church Actual	\$110,111
Acolyte	Lucy Woods	Soup Cellar	\$ 6,861
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan	Foundation	\$ 500
Children’s Moments	Ann Jessup		
Sound/Video	Spencer Stevens/Jane Peterson		
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye		
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters		
Children’s Church	Shelley Stafford, Tracy Powers		
Nursery	Olivia Rowland, Molly Growchowski		
Online Moderator	Ed McClain		



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