



# *Little Things Mean a Lot*

**February 5, 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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STREET**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 5, 2023 | 5th Sunday After Epiphany | White

*(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: With joy and celebration, God welcomes us to this place.

**All: With joy and celebration, we welcome one another, and we worship God.**

One: God meets us here - in our fellowship and in our prayers.

**All: We sense God's presence as we listen, as we sing and as we share the bread and cup.**

One: May our worship today bring glory to God and strengthen our bonds of Christian love.

**All: Amen.**

## \*HYMN #57

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: Carl G. Glaser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Dane Waund

## ANTHEM

*It Is Well with My Soul*

arr. Yu-Shan Tsai

## MINISTRY MOMENT

Lynn Shirley

## OFFERTORY

*Be thou my vision*

Bob Chilcott

Soloist: Taylor Goodwin

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## \*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100TH

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

## \*HYMN #206

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

Words: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

Music: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

## \*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42

## HOMILY

"Little Things Mean a Lot"

Rev. Becky Shirley

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Knowing that our God walks with us in our confusion, our doubts, our failings, our struggles, we now come humbly before God to ask for mercy.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: For the times we fail to offer hospitality to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:

**All: God, have mercy on us and on all your people**

One: For the times we lack courage to address the causes of injustice, oppression and poverty, we pray:

**All: God, have mercy on us and on all your people.**

One: For the times we give in to despair and resignation when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray:

**All: God, have mercy on us and on all your people.**

One: For the times we allow our fears to triumph over the call to solidarity, we pray:

**All: God, have mercy on us and on all your people.**

One: Merciful God, receive our petitions. Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world.

Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people. Increase our faith and resolve to respond with love and grace. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Broken, we are made whole; longing for a renewed relationship with God, we are welcomed with open arms by the One who forgives us.

**All: Without a doubt, God's love never comes to an end. Thanks be to God, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: 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.**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. 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 AND THE CUP

\*HYMN 585

*This Little Light of Mine*

LATTIMER

Words: Afro-American spiritual (Mt. 5:14-16)

Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. by William Farley Smith, 1987

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

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

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Pianist

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## PRAYER THOUGHT

We are fully known and loved by God. God won't let go no matter what we do.

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## PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander  
Martha Boynton  
David Byrum  
Wendy Clark  
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  
Jim Webber  
Nancy Williams  
Mary Anne Young  
Our homebound

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## SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Rosemary Aravena
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Children's Moments	Dane Waund
Sound/Video	Grant Jackson/Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Leland Haynes, Shelley Stafford
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Olivia Rowland
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 2-2-23

Church Budget: TBD

Church Actual	\$86,123
Soup Cellar	\$ 3,909
Foundation	\$ 500

SCAN TO GIVE



**TONIGHT!! F.U.E.L.**  
**FELLOWSHIP | UNITE | EAT | LOVE**  
**5:00-7:00 pm | Threatt Hall | Spaghetti supper | Bingo**  
**Everyone is welcome!**

**Attendance on 1/29/23: 158 (in-person); 109 (online as of 2-2-23); TOTAL = 267**

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