

March 12, 2023



The Gate

Part III: "Who Is Jesus?"

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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March 12, 2023 | Third Sunday in Lent | Purple

(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: Jesus the Good Shepherd opens the way for us to enter the green and greater pasture of abundant life.

All: We hear Jesus calling us to follow, but sometimes we are afraid to step forward and enter a larger future.

One: We can follow without fear, because the Shepherd cares for us and assures us of His presence walking beside us.

All: Let us enter the Gate of Heaven as we put our trust in the promises of God. Amen.

*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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Based on Psalm 23)

**I believe in God, our Shepherd,
Who provides everything we need,
Who lets us rest in green meadows
and who leads us beside quiet streams.**

**I believe that God renews our strength
and guides us in ways that bring honor to God's name.**

**Even when we walk through difficult valleys, we will not fear,
for God never is far away—protecting and comforting,
guarding and guiding every step we take.**

**God prepares a feast for us in the presence of our enemies.
God welcomes us as friends and lavishes blessings on us.**

I believe that God's goodness and unfailing love will continue to pursue us all the days of our lives, and that after our lives here are over, we will spend eternity in God's presence. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Beth Matthews

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Bob Burroughs

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY

Were You There?

arr. Moses Hogan

Soloist: Maria Beery

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100TH

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*HYMN #138

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

Words: Henry W. Baker, 1868 (Ps. 23)

Music: Irish Melody; harm. from The English Hymnal, 1906

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-10

SERMON

The Gate

"Who Is Jesus," Part III

*HYMN #2213 (TFWS)

Healer of Our Every Ill

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Words: Marty Haugen

Music: Marty Haugen

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

**EASTER
EGG HUNT**



APRIL 1 @ 4 PM

Nursery-5th grade

*AT THE HOME OF MARY
& LANNEAU LIDE*

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PRAYER THOUGHT

In our worry, God is our stillness. In our searching, God is our answer. In our weakness, God is our power.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander
Martha Boynton
David Byrum
Wendy Clark
Mickey Epting
Pat Griffin

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

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

Jim Webber
Nancy Williams
Mary Anne Young
Our homebound

ABSENCE OF FLOWERS DURING LENT

Throughout Lent we will not have flowers on the altar during this season of austerity and simple reflection. We hope this absence of flowers will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Alma Louis Aravena
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Children's Moments	Beth Matthews
Sound/Video	Grant Jackson/Spencer Stevens
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Lee Haynes, Eleanore Langley
Nursery	Olivia Rowland, McKenzie Powers
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**As of 3-9-23****Church Budget: TBD**

Church Actual	\$136,255
Soup Cellar	\$ 11,378
Foundation	\$ 500

SCAN TO GIVE

Online Lent service views/reach (as of 3-9-23):
Feb. 22: 184
March 1: 143
March 8: 99

Attendance on 3/5/23: 135 (in-person); 232 (online as of 3-9-23); TOTAL = 367

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