

March 19, 2023



I am the Shepherd

Part IV: "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.

PROUD MEMBER OF



WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 19, 2023 | Fourth 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: Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through.

All: We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our own best interest, and we ignore the voice of the one Shepherd who will guide us to peace and hope.

One: We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost. God, help us stop and listen to the Shepherd's voice.

All: Let us place our trust in the Shepherd who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives.

One: Even though we have wandered and have become lost, the shepherd calls to us. We can place our trust in his loving care.

All: For we are the sheep of his pasture, blessed and given hope. AMEN.

*HYMN #140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)

Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #882

*GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Scott Atwood

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Amazing Grace

setting by John Ness Beck

Soloist: Taylor Goodwin

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100TH

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*HYMN # 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Words: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

*SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23 & John 10:1-10

SERMON

The Good Shepherd
"Who Is Jesus," Part IV

Christine Taylor

*HYMN #381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Words: Attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836 (Jn. 10:1-29)

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1859

*BENEDICTION

May God be at your side, even in valleys of death.

May Christ Jesus find you, even when you wander.

And may the Holy Spirit abide in you

and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

Now, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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



Dr. Willie Jennings: Tuesday, March

10:30 am | Stavros Lecture Hall, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

**"Overcoming Racial Faith:
What Acts 2 Teaches Us About God"**

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PRAYER THOUGHT

God answers our prayers before we even speak them. All He needs from us is to ask and be still.

PRAYER LIST

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

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
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Dr. Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Rosemary Aravena
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Children's Moments	
Sound/Video	Lynn Shirley/Spencer Stevens
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Shelley Stafford, Tracy Powers
Nursery	Jane Polk, Molly Grochoski
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**As of 3-15-23****Church Budget: TBD**

Church Actual	\$191,952
Soup Cellar	\$14,833
Foundation	\$ 542

SCAN TO GIVE

Online Lent service views/reach (as of 3-15-23):
 March 8: 194
 March 1: 196
 Feb. 22: 196

Attendance on 3/12/23: 129 (in-person); 73 (online as of 3-15-23); TOTAL = 202

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