

March 26, 2023



Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Part V: "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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WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 26, 2023 | Fifth 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 had confidence in life after death. That confidence can be ours.

All: The grief felt at Lazarus' death was overcome by the reassurance of Jesus.

One: He said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

All: In raising Lazarus, Jesus demonstrated that death is not beyond the hope found in resurrection.

One: We are strengthened in our faith by the mighty acts of Jesus.

All: We are given courage and confidence by the power of God to overcome our worst fears.

AMEN.

*HYMN #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747

Music: John Zundel, 1870

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #887 (Based on Romans 8)

*GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Beth Matthews

ANTHEM

Out of the Depths

Richard Frost

Flute: Rebecca Rebl

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

Lord of the Dance

arr. Mark Hayes

Soloist: Emily Schlegel

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100TH

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*HYMN #311

Now the Green Blade Riseth

FRENCH CAROL

Words: J. M. C. Crum, 1928, alt.

Music: Trad. French carol; harm. by Martin Shaw, 1928

*SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 11:1-46

SERMON

Resurrection and Life

Rev. Becky Shirley

"Who Is Jesus," Part V

*HYMN #292

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

Words: USA folk hymn

Music: USA folk hymn; harm. by Paul J. Christiansen, 1955

*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

Join us as we celebrate Easter!



AT WASHINGTON STREET

Palm Sunday

April 2 | 11:00 am
Sanctuary
Children's
palm procession

Maundy Thursday Service

April 6 | 7:30 pm | Chapel
"The Journey to the Cross"

Good Friday

April 7 | 7:30 pm | Chapel
Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday

April 9 | 10:00 am
Threatt Hall

Easter Breakfast

11:00 am | Sanctuary
Special Music Service
Photo Booth
(before & after the service)

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PRAYER THOUGHT

God's got a plan and will finish what is started. God is not done with writing your story.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	Lisa Johnson	David Middleton	Nancy Williams
David Byrum	Debby Joyner	Rozanna Pfeiffer	Mary Anne Young
Mickey Epting	Jean Kanes	Shawn Powers	Our homebound
Pat Griffin	Martha Helen King	Genie & Ron Quinn	
Rev. Paul Harmon	Paul McClanahan	Rick Rowe	
Karen Horne	Sharon McCullough	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
Acolyte	Lucy Woods
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Children's Moments	Beth Matthews
Sound/Video	Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Susan Caskey, Sarah-Kate Gravely
Nursery	Olivia Rowland, Molly Grochowski
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

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

Church Actual	not available
Soup Cellar	not available
Foundation	not available

**SCAN TO GIVE**

Online Lent service views/reach (as of 3-23-23):
 March 15: 146
 March 8: 224
 March 1: 275
 Feb. 22: 236

Attendance on 3/19/23: 167 (in-person); 88 (online as of 3-23-23); TOTAL = 255

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