



Turning the World Right Side Up

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 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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18th Sunday after Pentecost | October 1, 2023 | White

World Communion Day

(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices.

Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.)

PRELUDE

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

J.S. BACH

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP+

One: Today we gather in this time and place to praise God, celebrate Holy Communion with Christians around the world and to be reminded of the ways God has blessed us.

All: We come today trusting in God and committed to following God's ways.

One: Beloved church family, God's message is clearly before us. We are to go into the world filled with the Holy Spirit as dream casters and vision bearers releasing our blessings to bless others.

All: We are here to worship God and to recommit our lives to being agents of transformation in the world through the power of Christ's love. Amen.

*HYMN #102

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Swann Adams

(After Children's Moments, children 5 and under may go with the class leader to the 2-3's classroom located on the first floor past the elevator on the left. They may be picked up there, or they will be escorted back to the sanctuary prior to the benediction.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: God of Mercy, we confess our struggle to live as you would have us live in this world that feels upside down. For those times when we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, forgive us.

When we have neglected the suffering and the sick, forgive us. When we have failed to advocate for those who face injustice and inequity, forgive us. For believing we cannot make a difference in the world, forgive us. Help us to see the gifts you bless us with and help us to release them in ways that turn your world right side up again. *(Moment of silence confessions)*

One: Hear the good news, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given the power to release our blessings in ways that bring new life and hope to the world.

All: Thanks Be to God. Amen.

OFFERTORY

An Offering

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100TH

*HYMN #2227 (TFWS)

Holy Ground

HOLY GROUND

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17: 1-9

HOMILY

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Rev. Becky Shirley

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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: You are true to who You are... we join in your praise with all the earth saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest..

One: You are Holy... We have testified that this mystery of salvation found in Jesus Christ is for all, when we say:

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

One: Pour out your...let us join with Christ in praying the prayer He taught us to pray: Holy Spirit...

All: Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; they 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

*COMMUNION HYMNS

Taste and See

JAMES E. MOORE

Soloist: Maria Beery

Laudate Dominum

W. A. MOZART

*HYMN #620

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Allegro

L. BOELLMANN

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

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PRAYER THOUGHT

In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than to have words without a heart.

PRAYER LIST

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Mickey Epting

Pat Griffin

Betsy Halloren

Rev. Paul Harmon

Karen Horne

Lisa Johnson

Jean Kanes

Martha Helen King

Lin Fesperman Lord

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Paul McClanahan

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 9-27-23

Church Budget: \$866,231

Church Actual \$482,919

Soup Cellar \$ 48,013

Foundation \$ 14,569



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Attendance on 9/24/23: 151 (in-person); 238 (online as of 9/29/23); TOTAL = 389

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