



# "BECOMING THE CHURCH THE WORLD NEEDS"

PART ONE: BOLD & COURAGEOUS

SEPTEMBER 10, 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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15th Sunday after Pentecost | September 10, 2023 | Green

*(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: We come today to worship a God who calls us to grow- to be mature in our faith—bold and courageous in our living.

**All: We come today as disciples seeking to worship God and learn how we can be the church the world needs.**

One: God calls us to be a church that boldly and courageously responds in love to the challenges of our times.

**All: May God help us to be the church the world needs—bold and courageous. Amen.**

### \*HYMN #154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

Words: Edward Perronet, 1779, alt. by John Rippon, 1787

Music: Oliver Holden, 1792

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Alston Lippert

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Dane Waund

(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.)

### ANTHEM

*Lord Here Am I*

JOHN NESS BECK

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from 1 John 5:1-6

One: We believe in God the father.

**All: As children of God, who are born of God. If anybody asks you who I am, tell them I am a child of God.**

One: As children of God we can conquer the systems of this world. Our faith will give us the victory over inadequate schools, drug trafficking in our neighborhoods, drive-by shootings, the criminal justice system, and materialistic culture, and a media that portrays us as being less than children of God. Whoever is born of God conquers the world.

**All: We believe that Jesus is the Christ who was born of God and that everyone who loves the parent loves the child.**

**One: As children of God, we want to obey Jesus' commandments to love God and neighbor and self.**

**All: It is not burdensome for us to love ourselves. It is not burdensome for us to love our neighbors.**

**One: We believe in the Holy Spirit.**

**All: And the Spirit is the one who testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.**

**One: We believe in the power of God's love.**

**All: We believe and if anybody asks you who I am, tell them I am a child of God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

\*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

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

arr. MOSES HOGAN

Mezzo-Soprano Soloist: Taylor Goodwin

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DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

\*HYMN #382

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

ADELAIDE

Words: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902 (Jer. 18:6)

Music: George C. Stebbins, 1907

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 4:27-31

SERMON

"Becoming the Church the World Needs"

Rev. Becky Shirley

Part I: Bold & Courageous

\*HYMN #438

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

DUKE STREET

Words: Charles Wesley, 1749

Music: John Hatton, 1793

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

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

**Sing-Along Messiah**

**Monday, December 11, 2023**  
**7:00 pm | Sanctuary**  
**Reservations open Nov. 1**

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**WE'RE GETTING THERE!**

**\$15,000** Goal  
**\$9,466** Raised

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### PRAYER THOUGHT

The power of prayer is precious beyond any price. Never neglect it.

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### PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander  
Karen Basso  
David Byrum  
Mickey Epting  
Pat Griffin

Betsy Halloren  
Rev. Paul Harmon  
Karen Horne  
Lisa Johnson  
Jean Kanes

Martha Helen King  
Lin Fesperman Lord  
Beverly McClanahan  
Paul McClanahan  
Sharon McCullough

David Middleton  
Shawn Powers  
Genie & Ron Quinn  
Nancy Williams  
Our homebound

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### SERVING TODAY

Interim Director of Music  
Organ  
Piano  
Acolyte  
Ushers  
Greeter  
Children's Moments  
Sound/Video/Projection  
Visitor Cards  
Pew Maintenance  
Children's Church  
Nursery  
Online Moderator

Catherine Nance  
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Jim Lane, Shelley Stafford  
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Lynn Shirley, Jane Peterson  
Suzanne Joye  
Jammie Watters  
Tracy Powers, Shelley Stafford  
McKenzie Powers, Olivia Rowland  
Ed McClain

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 9-9-23

Church Budget: \$866,231

Church Actual     \$439,543

Soup Cellar         \$ 46,836

Foundation         \$ 15,129

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on 9/3/23: 154 (in-person); 155 (online as of 9/7/23); TOTAL = 309
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