



"BECOMING THE CHURCH THE WORLD NEEDS"

PART TWO: CURIOUS
SEPTEMBER 17, 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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16th Sunday after Pentecost | September 17, 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: Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love!

All: The Lord is our strength and our power!

One: Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!

All: The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.

One: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

All: Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day. AMEN.

*HYMN #139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; sts. 1, 3, 5 trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863;

st. 2 by S. Paul Schilling, 1986; st. 4 by Rupert E. Davies, 1983 (Ps. 103:1-6; 150)

Music: *Erneuerten Gasangbuch*, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORDS 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Mary Lide

(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

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

K. LEE SCOTT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #882

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

*GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

MINISTRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY

You are the Light

TOME FETTKE

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100th

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*HYMN #2226 (TFWS)

Bind Us Together

BIND US TOGETHER

Words: Bob Gillman (Col. 3:14)
Music: Bob Gillman

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

SERMON

"Becoming the Church the World Needs"
Part II: Curious

Christine Taylor

*HYMN #437

This is My Song

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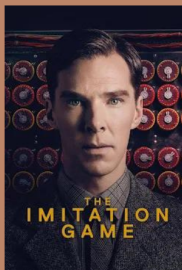
Words: Sts. 1,2 Lloyd Stone, 1934; st. 3, Georgia Harkness, ca. 1939
Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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



STEWARDED THEIR STORIES

MOVIE DISCUSSION BASED ON WWII ERA STORIES

THE IMITATION GAME

JOIN US IN PERSON IN
THE WESLEY ROOM
OR ON ZOOM
SEPTEMBER 25
7:00-8:00 P.M.



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PRAYER THOUGHT

Faith and prayer are invisible, but they make impossible things possible.

PRAYER LIST

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Karen Basso
David Byrum
Mickey Epting
Pat Griffin
Betsy Halloren

Rev. Paul Harmon
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson
Jean Kanes
Martha Helen King
Lin Feserman Lord

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

Peggy Ward
Nancy Williams
Our homebound

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
Louis Shirer
Rick Frierson
Rosemary Aravena
Robby Douglas, Alan-Jon Zupan
Thom Berry, Heidi Ankeny
Mary Lide
Lynn Shirley
Suzanne Joye
Jammie Watters
Heidi Ankeny, Sarah-Kate Gravely
Bre McCloud, Olivia Rowland
Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 9-14-23

Church Budget: \$866,231

Church Actual \$ 460,849

Soup Cellar \$ 47,771

Foundation \$ 15,129

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on 9/10/23: 154 (in-person); 211 (online as of 9/14/23); TOTAL = 365
