



"BECOMING THE CHURCH THE WORLD NEEDS"

PART THREE: MODELING CIVILITY AND RESPECT

SEPTEMBER 24, 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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17th Sunday after Pentecost | September 24, 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: The God who calls us to worship here today invites us to be a church that the world needs.

All: As our world becomes more and more hostile, let us be a church that models civility and respect.

One: The integrity of our worship calls us to acknowledge our own words and actions that have caused damage and led to hurt and exclusion,

All: Let us ask for forgiveness and grace to be a church that models civility and respect.

One: As we come together in worship, may we be filled with the love, hope, and peace that God longs for us to share with world.

All: That is our hope, our prayer, and our desire. May God's grace guide us to be a church that models civility and respect always and everywhere. Amen.

*HYMN #88

Maker, in Whom We Live
Words: Charles Wesley, 1747
Music: George J. Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA

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

Beth Matthews

(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

Bornin' Cry

DANIEL KALLMAN

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

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

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

All: The Spirit is the one who guides us and reminds us that we are God's children.

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

All: We believe and seek to live in the power of God's love. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

MINISTRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY

Go Down, Moses

MOSES HOGAN

Soloist: Malcolm Lemons

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100th

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*HYMN #402

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Words: Afro-American spiritual

Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 5:34-42

SERMON

"Becoming the Church the World Needs"

Rev. Becky Shirley

Part III: Modeling Civility and Respect

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gracious God, whether we know it or not, we have failed at times to model the civility we want to see in others. When confronted with differences, especially when those differences are passionately expressed, we have found it easier to unfriend rather than seek a relationship. When confronted with disturbing statements and attitudes, we have sometimes remained silent instead of speaking up. Because of someone's words or actions, we have assumed the worst about them rather than seeking understanding. We at times cling to our rightness instead of yielding the possibility that we could be wrong. By the grace of him who endured the cross unjustly but still offered the gifts of unconditional love and forgiveness, help us to receive these gifts as you hear our silent confessions:

One: Hear the good news: Through God's love, we are forgiven! As forgiven people, we are called to go out as the church - modeling civility and respect by letting our light shine to glorify God. Amen.

*HYMN #399

Take My Life and Let It Be

MESSIAH

Words: Frances R. Haveergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)

Music: Louis J. F. Herild, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

**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

God can handle our doubt, anger, fear, grief, confusion, and questions. We just need to bring everything to God in prayer and give God the glory.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	Rev. Paul Harmon	Beverly McClanahan	Peggy Ward
Karen Basso	Karen Horne	Paul McClanahan	Nancy Williams
David Byrum	Lisa Johnson	Sharon McCullough	Our homebound
Mickey Epting	Jean Kanes	David Middleton	
Pat Griffin	Martha Helen King	Shawn Powers	
Betsy Halloren	Lin Fesperman Lord	Genie & Ron Quinn	

ALTER FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Hutto Clement by Deborah Rowe and her family.

SERVING TODAY

Interim Director of Music
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Piano
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Ushers
Greeter
Children's Moments
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Children's Church
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McKenzie Powers, Olivia Rowland
Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 9-20-23

Church Budget: \$866,231

Church Actual	\$ 477,220
Soup Cellar	\$ 47,796
Foundation	\$ 14,569

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Attendance on 9/17/23: 168 (in-person); 194 (online) TOTAL = 364

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