

# Rediscovering Our United Methodist

# Roots...

# COMMUNION

## February 4, 2024



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.

PROUD MEMBER OF





WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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5th Sunday of Epiphany | February 4, 2024 | White

*(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 to worship and gather around God's table.

**All: We come to remember God's grace.**

One: We come to remember the story of God's love.

**All: We come to be strengthened to share God's story.**

One: We come to be reminded that all are welcome here.

**All: We are all made in the image of God and are called to be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world! Amen.**

\*HYMN #101

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

DUKE STREET

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Adrienne Fink

*(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.)*

\*HYMN #611

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

STUTTGART

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR JAMES OEHLER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, today we confess that we often live as those who have never heard of you. We plan and strategize as though the outcome depended solely upon us. We worry and fret like those who have no advocate. Forgive us Lord, for the scheming and conniving we do to make sure that we have our own way. Forgive us Lord, for not leaning upon you when we feel weak, or powerless or alone. Forgive us Lord, for relying upon ourselves and other mortals when we should turn to you. Teach us how to live more like those who belong to you and less like those who belong to the world.**

*(Silent moments of personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERTORY

*The Whisper*

Craig Courtney

Soloist: Emily Schlegel

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\*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100th

\*HYMN #616

*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

HURSLEY

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

HOMILY

Communion  
Part V: Rediscovering Our United Methodist Roots

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: We praise You and we give you thanks for Your diverse creation...we join with all heaven and earth to praise You in an endless chorus of praise:

**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: Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ...as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

One: Fount of Courage, Breeze of Hope, Breath of Mercy...we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

**All: 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.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Ubi Caritas*

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Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us as one. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us honor and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

### RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

\*HYMN #614

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

FOR THE BREAD

\*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

When you pray, seek a relationship, not answers. You may not always find answers, but you will always find Jesus.

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### PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	Mickey Epting	Karen Horne	Ellen Parker
Karen Basso	Nancy Epting	Lisa Johnson	Shawn Powers
Ann Bell	Carl Evans	Jean Kanes	Genie Quinn
Mickey Bell	Pat Griffin	Beverly McClanahan	Tara Spires
John Benfield	Betsy Halloren	Paul McClanahan	Nancy Williams
Ron Bowden	Rev. Paul Harmon	Sharon McCullough	Our homebound

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### IN SYMPATHY

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to the family of Martha Helen Sawyer King, who died on Friday, January 26, 2024.

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### TODAY'S BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of James Oehler, son of Erin and Michael Oehler, and brother of Izzy and Ellie.

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### SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Dr. Catherine Nance
Piano	Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Cora McGandy
Ushers	Shelley Stafford, Thomas Berry
Greeters	Lisa Voegeli, Jim Lane
Children's Moments	Adrienne Fink
Sound/Video/Projection	Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Shelley Stafford
	McKenzie Powers
Nursery	Cecelia Daigle, Maile Noda
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 01-31-24  
Church Budget: \$ NA  
Church Actual   \$ 59,380  
Soup Cellar       \$ 4,635  
Foundation       \$ 325



SCAN TO GIVE

**Attendance on 1/28/24: 171 (in-person); 134 (online as of 01/31); TOTAL = 305**

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