

QUESTIONS



We Ask God

Why Do Bad Things Happen
to Good People?

March 10, 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.



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4th Sunday of Lent | March 10, 2024 | Purple

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

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

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

Ralf Vaughan Williams

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *By the Waters of Babylon*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Like the people who were captives in Babylon long ago, when we feel most alone and everything seems hopeless,

All: we will remember the faithfulness of God and our hope will be restored.

One: When our circumstances make it difficult to sing the Lord's song,

All: we will remember God's acts of saving grace and our hope will be restored.

One: When we wonder why things happen the way they do

All: we will pray to the Lord for help, for hope, and for comfort. Amen.

*HYMN #117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

MORNING PRAYER

THE 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Melanie Dobson

(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 before the benediction.)

ANTHEM

To Love Our God

Mark Hayes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #884 A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

*GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

OFFERTORY

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Raymond Wise

Soloist: Maria Beery

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100th

*HYMN FWS #2217

By the Babylonian Rivers

KAS DZIEDAJA

SCRIPTURE'S LESSON

Psalms 137

SERMON

"Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?"
Part IV: Questions We Ask God.

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #377

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

'Gigue' Fugue, G Major, BWV 577

J.S. Bach

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



EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 31

9:45 am | Threatt Hall

Coffee/Juice Provided

POT LUCK!

**BRING SOMETHING
TO SHARE!**

- Photo stations to take your own Easter family photos!
- Bring flowers to place on the flower cross*

*(*cross will be moved to the Sanctuary before the service)*

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PRAYER THOUGHT

We cannot always do great things, but with God’s help we can do small things with great love.

ABSENCE OF FLOWERS DURING LENT

Throughout Lent, we will not have flowers on the altar during this season of austerity and simple reflection. We hope this absence of flowers will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!

PRAYER LIST

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

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte	Cora McGandy
Ushers	Thom Berry, Susan Caskey
Greeters	Ute, Thomas Berry
Children’s Moment	Melanie Dobson
Sound/Video/Projection	Lynn Shirley,
	Grant Jackson
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Children’s Church	Shelley Stafford, Heidi Ankeny
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Maile Noda
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>As of 3-7-24</u>	
<u>Church Budget: \$ Pending.</u>	
<u>YTD</u>	
Church Actual	\$139,323
Soup Cellar	\$ 9,289
Foundation	\$ 650



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GIVE