



July 7, 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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7nd Sunday after Pentecost | July 7, 2024 | 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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Come and Find the Quiet Center

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, we thank you that you are strong when we are weak.

All: Help us embrace our weakness as we rely on you and your strength.

*HYMN #145

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(inspired by 2 Corinthians 12:2-10) written by Moira Laidlaw*

One: Merciful God, of what do we boast? Can we truly say with Paul that we do not boast about ourselves or our achievements? Does the danger in such thinking lie in the next step—the thought that we can do anything, or all things—by ourselves?

ALL: Forgive us the times when we ignore you, O God, and depend on our own strength to do things our own way.

One: Paul talks about power being made perfect in weakness.

ALL: Forgive us when we use our power selfishly or aggressively, ignoring that indwelling, Christ-given power which frees us to be vulnerable.

One: Jesus says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Permeate our lives with your grace, Lord, so that we can affirm with Paul that we are content with weaknesses for your sake, and fill us with the knowledge that it is when we allow ourselves to be empowered by you, that we are truly strong. Amen.

(Moments of silence for personal confessions)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear again the good news: that Jesus' grace is sufficient for us all— sufficient for us to be forgiven in his name. Receive that grace and rejoice in the power to live in his strength.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERTORY

Abide With Me

Arr. Malcolm Lemons

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*DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #162

Alleluia, Alleluia

ALLELUIA NO. 1

HOMILY

Weakness

Rev. Alston Lippert

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: Humble God...Everlasting 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: Mysterious and holy God...Great is the mystery of faith

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

One: Patient God...Holy Spirit. Amen

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Communion Music"

*HYMN #175

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES

*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

Hope is praying for rain, but faith is bringing the umbrella.

PRAYER LIST

Ann Bell	Nancy Epting	Jean Kanes	Joe Plough
John Benfield	Carl Evans	Beverly McClanahan	Shawn Powers
Ron Bowden	Pat Griffin	Paul McClanahan	Peggy Ward
Sue Dillon	Karen Horne	Sharon McCullough	Nancy Williams
Mickey Epting	Lisa Johnson	Ellen Parker	Our homebound

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Greeters	Ute
Ushers	Joe and Kelly Epting
Children’s Moment	Mary Lide
Sound/Video/Projection	Spencer Stevens
	Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Children’s Church	Lucy Eckbert
	Ethan Cook
Nursery	Jordyn Hughes
	McKenzie Powers
Lay Reader	Pam Jenkins

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>As of 07-03-24</u>	
<u>Church Budget: \$ 388,541.00</u>	
Church Actual	\$ 339,042.00
Soup Cellar	\$ 37,441.00
Foundation	\$ 5,780.00



SCAN TO GIVE

Attendance on 6/30/24: 143 (in-person); 114 (online as of 07/03); TOTAL = 257

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