



Traveling Light

August 29, 2021



**WASHINGTON
STREET**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Liturgical Color: Green, symbolizing our growth in Christ
(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices. Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.)

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Louis Shirer, organ

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

All: God's love is poured in us from our birth.

One: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

All: God's loved is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.

One: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

All: In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made known. AMEN.

www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2749/worship-connection-may-9-2021

*HYMN 111

"How Can We Name a Love"

TERRA BEATA

Words: Brian Wren

Music: TERRA BEATA, Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, as we stand in awe of your goodness and mercy today, we invite you to be present amongst us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Lord, we declare that we love you. Thank you that you love us and have made the way of love known through your son Jesus Christ. We pray that you would reveal this great love to us all today and always. Lead us by your Spirit to praise you and love others as you love us. May our hearts overflow with thanksgiving and our mouths proclaim your everlasting greatness. In the wonderful name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/invocation_prayer.html (adapted)

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right had of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI 70

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

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:14-15

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Becky Shirley

SOLO

For the Beauty of the Earth
Yasmin Bradshaw, Soprano

John Rutter

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12: 28-31

PROCLAMATION

"Traveling Light"

Rev. Alston Lippert

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

RESPONDING TO GOD

OFFERING OUR THANKS TO GOD

As we go into the world, we offer ourselves to God in loving service as we offer our gifts to the ministries of the congregation. Financial contributions may be placed in the offering plates located in the Narthex, online at wsmethodist.org or through the mail. Thank you for supporting the ministries of this congregation with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN 408

The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

Words: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)
Music: GIFT OF LOVE, Trad. English melody; adpt. by Hal Hopson, 1972

*BENEDICTION

****Please remain seated until the pastors have cleared the aisle. Please remember to practice social distancing when exiting.***

*POSTLUDE

Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.

When our worship ends, our service begins!

We welcome all persons to worship this day! If you are a new friend, we hope that you will find here the warmest welcome in the Name of Christ. Please complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the clergy as you leave.

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PRAYER THOUGHT

When you pray, think about the people who give you courage and hope.

PRAYER LIST

Pete Bailey	Frances Grimes	Beverly McClanahan	Mary Sutherland
Thom Berry	Bud Harrelson	Dave Middleton	Sarah Threatt
Martha Boynton	Karen Horne	Nora Blair Middleton	Heidi Wall
Martha Brooker	Geneva Hutchinson	Rick Rowe	Peggy Weston
Mickey Epting	Lisa Johnson	Boyd Saunders	Our Homebound
Charles Garren	Rev. Judy King	Stephanie Saunders	

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN WE ARE NOT OFFERING CHILDREN'S CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. HOWEVER, PLEASE PICK UP AN ACTIVITY BAG IN THE NARTHEX FOR THE CHILDREN TO USE DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

SERVING TODAY

Children's Moments	Rev. Becky Shirley
Usher	Tommy Betenbaugh
Sound/Video	Lynn Shirley/Jane Peterson
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Evangelism Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving to-date (as of 8-18-21)
Church YTD \$450,273
Soup Cellar YTD \$53,321
Foundation Gifts YTD \$31,661
Attendance on 8/15/21: 123

NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE!

Text to give: text "connections" to 72356 • Give online at wsmethodist.org/giving
Or mail your donation!

WSUMC IS JOINING OTHER MIDLANDS UMC'S COLLECTING EYEGASSES FOR THOSE IN NEED IN GUATEMALA. YOU MAY DROP OFF YOUR GLASSES IN THE DESIGNATED AREA IN THE BACK HALLWAY, OR MAIL THEM TO: ASHLAND UMC, 2600 ASHLAND RD., COLUMBIA, SC 29210.