



World Communion Sunday

The Gift of Community

October 3, 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.

WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 2021

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Liturgical Color: White symbolizing the purity of 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

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

All: We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.

One: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

All: At home and school and business place – in this community and throughout every land.

One: How in the world shall we serve our God?

All: By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.

One: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

All: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!

*(**by Ana and Tod Gobledale, Global Ministries Associates)*

*HYMN 699

Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join

CANTERBURY

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740

Music: Adapt. from Orlando Gibbons, 1623

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Alston Lippert

God, as we gather in this sacred community of faith, We remember that our congregation is but one of many parts of your eternal and universal church. Though we come from different backgrounds, we are all part of the body of Christ. Make us ever mindful and understanding of the suffering of our members. Jubilant in their Joys and knowledgeable of their conditions. We pray for our continued ministry with our siblings around the world. May we see ourselves one day as you see us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Paul E. Koch

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10:23-25 & Mark 10:13-16

SOLO

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Moses Hogan

LISTENING FOR GOD

HOMILY

“The Gift of Community”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN 620

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Words: John B. Foley, 1978 (1 Cor. 10:16-17; Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 12)

Music: John B. Foley, 1978; harm. By Gary Alan Smith, 1988

*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!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY ALTAR

As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we pause to reflect on this vast and wonderful global community of faith that surrounds us. Our altar and Narthex displays represent our cultural richness worldwide and were collected by Jean Kanes and her late husband Bill during over 30 years of travel. This collection includes various vessels, baskets, textiles, toys and folk art from Egypt, Pakistan, Morocco, Mexico, Kenya, Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Indonesia, and Scotland.

For some, these objects are utilitarian, for others they are objects of art or handcrafted labors of love, but all are symbols of our wider global community of faith.

Calling all Volunteers!

- *Volunteer bakers are needed to bake goods for the upcoming Fall Festival on Oct. 31.*
- *Participants are needed to decorate their cars and participate in Trunk or Treat at the Festival. Prizes will be awarded! Contact Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org if you are interested in either of these opportunities.*
- *The Reconciling Ministries Team is seeking volunteers to help staff the booth at the Pride Festival on Oct. 23 from noon to 6 pm downtown Columbia. There are several open slots to fill in the 2:00-3:00 and 3:00-4:00 pm. Please contact Jane Peterson at jane@wsmethodist.org to sign up.*

CHARGE CONFERENCE DATE/TIME ANNOUNCED

The annual Charge Conference will be held online at 1:30 pm on October 10 with our district superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson, and will be held via a Zoom link. Contact Abbie@wsmethodist.org if you would like to attend. Everyone is welcome to join us for this annual reflection on the ministries that WSUMC has been involved in over the past year.

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PRAYER THOUGHT

Prayer is simply talking to God like a friend and should be the easiest thing we do each day.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Congratulations to Reverend Shirley and husband, Richard, on the birth of their grandson, Joseph Andrew, born on October 1, 2021. Parents are Michelle and Joseph Graham of Columbia, SC.

PRAYER LIST

Thom Berry
Martha Boynton
Martha Brooker
Sally Christian
Heidi Conte
Mickey Epting

Frances Grimes
Bud Harrelson
Karen Horne
Geneva Hutchinson
Lisa Johnson
Rev. Judy King

Beverly McClanahan
David Middleton
Lauren, Greg, and Nora
Blair Middleton and
family
Rick Rowe
Boyd Saunders

Stephanie Saunders
Sarah Threatt
Tom Wall
Peggy Weston
Our homebound

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Due to the continuation of the COVID 19 in our area and for the health and safety of our children, we will be filming our weekly Children's Moments which can be enjoyed each weekend on our website and Facebook page.

SERVING TODAY

Usher
Sound/Video
John Radford/Robbie Douglas
Lynn Shirley/Spencer Stevens/
Charles Garren
Visitor Cards
Pew Maintenance
Suzanne Joye
Finance Committee

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving to-date (as of 9-30-21)
Church YTD \$516,827
Soup Cellar YTD \$59,951
Foundation Gifts YTD \$31,686
Attendance on 9/26: 104