love one another; u, that ye also love

Sunday, May 1, 2022



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

3rd Sunday of Easter May 1, 2022

Liturgical Color: White. Representing a Holy Day.

(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

Prelude: Toccata from Twelve Pieces for Organ

Théodore Dubois

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to the House of the Lord! On this day, we remember the gift of God's love poured out for us and all creation.

All: We come seeking God's guidance as we work to establish and sustain healthy relationships with God and with one another.

One: Let us join in worshiping God now - trusting that the Risen Christ will meet us here and will guide us in establishing and maintaining healthy relationships with God and one another. Amen.

*HYMN #173 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Words: Charles Wesley, 1740 Music: J. G. Werner's Choralbuch, 1815; harm. by William H. Havergal, 1861

OPENING 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 Dane Waund (After the Children's Moments, children, 2 yrs. to first grade, may be dismissed to Children's Church)

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace Soloist: Bob Evans Setting by John Ness Beck

*DOXOLOGY #94

LASST NUNS ERFREUEN

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978 Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "An Affirmation from I Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20" UMH #888 *THE GLORIA PATRI #70 MEINEKE Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent. Music: Charles Meineke, 1844 ANTHEM Craig Courtney Who But the Lord? EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:9-21 "Healthy Relationships" SERMON **Rev. Becky Shirley** *HYMN #674 See the Morning Sun Ascending UNSER HERRSCHER Words: Charles Parkin, 1953 (Rev. 5:11-14; 7: 11-12)

Music: Joachim Neander, 1680

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

> **Epworth's Mother's Day Offering!**

DON'T FORGET YOUR MOTHERS OR **EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME NEXT**

SUNDAY! Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives, and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children served by Epworth Children's Home will not be

celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff, and foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to the children in South Carolina. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



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PRAYER THOUGHT

God answers prayers because His children ask.

PRAYER LIST

- Thom Berry Martha Boynton David Byrum Heidi Conte Walter Dean Mickey Epting Michelle Graham
- Rev. Paul Harmon Bud Harrelson Karen Horne Geneva Hutchinson Lisa Johnson Debby Joyner Rev. Judy King

Martha Helen King Mike LeFever Paul McClanahan David Middleton Genie & Ron Quinn Rufus Rogers Rick Rowe Boyd Saunders Stephanie Saunders Sarah Threatt Edee Vaughan Kelly Wright Our homebound



Christian Sympathy:

Rev. Becky Shirley, the church staff, and the WSUMC family extend our deepest sympathy and Christian love to the family of Ingrid Williams. September 10, 1929-April 24, 2022

SERVING TODAY

Ushers To Sound/Video Visitor Cards Pew Maintenance Nursery

Foundation Gifts: \$250

Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan Spencer Stevens/Lynn Shirley

Suzanne Joye Worship Team Shelley Stafford

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (as of 4-28-22): Church Budget: TBD—PENDING FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL Church Actual: \$174,605 Soup Cellar: \$21,354

Save the date!

Sunday, June 5, 2022 12:00 pm | Threatt Hall A Covered Dish Graduate Celebration

Do you have a high school or college graduate that you would like to acknowledge? Send their name, school, degree or future plans, along with seven photos of their life journey (baby to grad) to jane@wsmethodist.org no later than Friday, May 27.

Attendance on 4/24/22: 88 (in-person); 92 (online as of 4/28/22); TOTAL = 180

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