



Breaking Down Barriers

May 14, 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

5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 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

Andante sostenuto from *Symphonie IX, Opus 70*

Charles-Marie Widor

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's ways are not our ways.

All: They are higher and better

One: Let us be willing to follow the Holy Spirit wherever she may lead.

All: Who are we to hinder God?

*HYMN #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Words: Charles Wesley, 1747
Music: John Zundel, 1870

BEECHER

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.

ANTHEM

To the Lamb of the Throne
WSUMC Choir

Dan Forrest

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Beth Matthews

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

OFFERTORY

Come, Ye Disconsolate
Soloist: Cody Lidge

Terre Johnson

(Giving is easy! Place your gift in the offering plate; text the word "CONNECTIONS" to the number 73256; donate through Realm Connect; visit us online at wsmethodist.org/giving; or mail a check to WSUMC, 1401 Washington St., Columbia, SC 29212; or scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin. If you gave online, you may place one of the "I Gave Online" cards located in the pew rack with the giving envelopes into the offering plate.)

DOXOLOGY 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. By Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

THE GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

*THE APOSTLES CREED #881

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

SERMON

"Breaking Down Barriers"

Rev. Alston Lippert

*HYMN #62

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Words: Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; trans. by William H. Draper, 1925, adapt. 1987

Music: Deistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Louis Shirer

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

When our worship ends, our service begins!

**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.



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PRAYER THOUGHT

Bring your anger to God in prayer. Hot metal can be molded.

PRAYER LIST

Thom Berry
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 David Byrum
 Heidi Conte
 Jimmy Dawkins
 Mickey Epting
 Rev. Paul Harmon
 Bud Harrelson

Karen Horne
 Lisa Johnson
 Debby Joyner
 Rev. Judy King
 Martha Helen King
 Mike LeFever
 Paul McClanahan
 David Middleton

Genie & Ron Quinn
 Rick Rowe
 Boyd Saunders
 Stephanie Saunders
 Sarah Threatt
 Edee Vaughan
 Kelly Wright
 Our homebound

FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of L. Arlen Cotter, and Marie and L.A. Cotter by Janet Cotter and family.

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Sound/Video	Grant Jackson/Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Worship Team
Nursery	Jane Peterson

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**(as of 5-11-22):****Church Budget: TBD—****PENDING FINANCE****COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

Church Actual: \$196,994

Soup Cellar: \$22,454

Foundation: \$250

SCAN TO GIVE

**DISTRICT-WIDE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS REGARDING THE DELAY OF GENERAL CONFERENCE*****Two meetings will be held TODAY (Sunday):***

Cathy Jamieson, DS, will present information about the General Conference delay for all laity at the following meetings:

- May 15, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary, Trinity UMC, Blythewood
- May 15, 5:00 pm, Christian Life Center, Lexington UMC

Attendance on 5/8/22: 133 (in-person); 122 (online as of 5/6/22); TOTAL = 255

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