

May 29, 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

7th Sunday of Easter May 29, 2022

Liturgical Color: White. Ascension Sunday.

(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

Allegro from Concerto in A Minor, BWV 593

A. Vivaldi/J. S. Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP+

One: Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the path of the Most High.

All: That we may beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks.

One: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation. Neither shall they learn war any more.

All: And none shall be afraid for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

One: We gather today in remembrance of all those who lost their lives in war and those killed by gun violence.

All: We mourn with and pray for the families of victims of mass shootings.

One: We are a nation at war with ourselves, a people who have forgotten who we are.

All: We gather today to remember that we are each a child of God. We gather to claim our belonging to each other and our commitment to living the way of God's peace.

One: Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the path of the Most High.

All: That we may beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks.

One: Neighbor shall not lift up gun against neighbor. Neither shall they learn violence any more.

All: And none shall be afraid for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken. Amen.

*HYMN #557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Words: John Fawcett, 1782

Music: Johann G. Nageli, arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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.

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come WSUMC Choir

Paul Manz

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Becky Shirley

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

Nancy Whittle

OFFERTORY

My Lord, what a morning

arr. Mark Hayes

Soloist: Tamara Silva

(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; 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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — AFFIRMATION FROM I TIMOTHY UMH #889

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:16-40 and Philippians 1:9-11

SERMON

"Love that Disturbs the Spirit"

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters Words: Ruth Duck, 1987 (Jn. 3:3-8) BEACH SPRING

Music: Attr. to B. F. White, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Louis Shirer

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

+ The Call to Worship is taken from Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, Sabbath Guide, 2007

When our worship ends, our service begins!

Next Sunday is the Graduate Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon! Bring a main dish, side, vegetable, OR dessert to share! Reverend Becky J. Shirley

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PRAYER THOUGHT

Prayer can be anywhere because God is everywhere.

PRAYER LIST

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 Our homebound



Thom Berry

Martha Boynton

David Byrum

Heidi Conte

Jimmy Dawkins

Mickey Epting

Rev. Paul Harmon

Bud Harrelson

Acolytes bring the light of Christ's spirit into the worship service. Children who are rising 3rd through 8th grades are eligible to serve as acolytes. Training for prospective acolytes will be held in the coming weeks.

Please contact Susan Brown at 803-422-9394 or by email at sbrown13@sc.rr.com if your child would like to serve.

SERVING TODAY

Ushers Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan Sound/Video Spencer Stevens/Grant Jackson Visitor Cards Suzanne Joye Pew Maintenance Worship Team Nursery Shelley Stafford Children's Church Cindy & Dane Waund Online Service Moderator Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(as of 5-25-22):

Church Budget: TBD—PENDING FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Church Actual: \$210,733 Soup Cellar: \$30,184 Foundation: \$250

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on 5/22/22: 121 (in-person); 112 (online as of 5/25/22); TOTAL = 233