



Diverse People

Part III of a 5-part series: "I See You"

October 2, 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.



PROUD MEMBER OF



WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Oct. 2, 2022 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgical Color: Green

World Communion Sunday

*(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices.
Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.)*

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness* J. S. Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

****INVITATION TO WORSHIP (BASED ON PSALM 1; JOHN 6:2-35)**

One: Holy God, Bread of Life, nourish us

All: so that we might nourish others

One: through Sacraments and through teaching.

All: Through living the Word together.

One: Unify us as a citadel against evil.

All: Plant us firmly like a tree by water.

One: Let our shade and fruit provide shelter and life

All: to all within our reach, to Your glory. Amen.

*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

****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God, lover of all, thank you for the blessing of a worldwide family of faith. Help us be mindful of and grateful for our brothers and sisters around the world. Use our gifts to extend Your heart to all, meeting needs that we might see, to depths that only You may know. Amen.

ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

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

OFFERTORY *Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Ron Schmoltze
(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 29201; or scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.)

*DOXOLOGY #95 OLD 100th
Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

SCRIPTURE LESSON Rev. 7:9-17

SERMON "Diverse People" Rev. Becky Shirley
Part III of a 5-Part Series

PRAYING THE WORD OF GOD—SEEKING THE WILL OF GOD

(Based on Lamentations 3:19-26)

One: I see pain in our world, and my heart hearts.

All: Let your heart sing, the Lord's mercy never ceases!

One: I see affliction and hopelessness everywhere, and my heart hearts.

All: Let your heart sing, the Lord's steadfast love never ceases!

One: I see need everywhere, and my heart hearts.

All: Let your heart sing! The Lord's faithfulness is bigger than pain, affliction, hopelessness and need. Wait on the Lord. Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MUSIC

For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

One: As we celebrate this special observance of the Eucharist,

All: We, as members of our local church body, affirm our faith in our one Lord and symbolically reaffirm our connection to our Christian siblings around the world.

One: We affirm that we are members of a worldwide community of faith, wonderfully diverse, yet united in our love for Christ, who on the night he gave himself up for us...until Christ comes again and we feast at His heavenly banquet, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, both now and forever. Amen.

All: As we take the bread and the cup, let us pause to reflect on world events and their impact on our global church family.

One: As destructive forces such as famine, war, and environmental dangers ravage parts of our world, let us pray for those impacted.

All: Let us ask God to reveal ways we might serve and support those in need.

One: Let us now come to the table as one family. Though oceans may separate us, we are one people, serving one God and celebrating the glorious gift of Christ! Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We will be participating in continuous communion today with the ushers directing the congregation to the chancel area to receive communion. After you have received the elements, you are invited to either kneel at the chancel rail in prayer as long as you would like or you may simply return to your pew to engage in silent prayer and reflection.

*HYMN #670

Go Forth for God

GENEVA 124

Words: John R. Peaccey, 1975

Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; harm. by C. Winfred Douglas, 1940, alt.

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

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

When our worship ends, our service begins!

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PRAYER THOUGHT

With prayer, we can meet tomorrow and every day with faith, not fear.

FLOWERS

This year, our altar display for World Communion Sunday features Ecuador. Items used were loaned from members of our three mission trips to this country. We have textiles, folk art, baskets, clothing and toys, all from Ecuador. The communion set and scarves draping the flower stands were gifts from the missionary we support, Sara Flores. The sunflowers are in honor of the courage and resilience of the people of Ukraine and those whose lives have been lost in war.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander
Martha Boynton
David Byrum
Laura Collins
Heidi Conte
Dr. Walter Dean
Mickey Epting

Rev. Paul Harmon
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
Paula Walters
Jim Ward
Nancy Williams
Our homebound

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Sound/Video	Spencer Stevens
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye/Lynn Shirley
Pew Maintenance	Sarah Jones
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Molly Grochoski
Children's Church	Mackin Wall
Online Service Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (YTD as of 9-28-22):

Church Budget: \$865,000

Church	\$419,209
Soup Cellar	\$53,769
Foundation	\$23,030

SCAN TO GIVE



*****We would like to thank Jan Baker for writing our liturgy for today.***

Attendance on 9/25/22:161 (in-person); 153 (online as of 9/28/22); TOTAL = 314

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