

What Do You See?

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

September 18, 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

Sept. 18, 2022 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgical Color: Green

(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 Adagio Sir Edward Elgar

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, we are grateful and stand in awe of how you see us!

All: How you see our sin and forgive us!

One: How you see our woundedness and heal us!

All: How you see the purpose of all people and call us by name!

One: How you see those in the margins and center them in your story!

All: God, we are grateful and stand in awe of how you see us!

*HYMN #479 Jesus, Lover of My Soul ABERYSTWYTH

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740 (Wis. 11:26) Music: Joseph Parry, 1879

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 A Modern Affirmation

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 MEINEKE

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

INVOCATION

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 Here I Am, Lord arr. Craig Courtney

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Becky Shirley

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

(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

Luke 13:10-17

SERMON "What Do You See"

Rev. Becky Shirley

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God creates, knows, loves and sees all of us in our full humanity. While we share a common humanity, we tend to make assumptions about one another. These assumptions can be harmful and prevent us from truly seeing other people and listening to each other's perspectives. By looking at Biblical stories, this series will help us learn how to listen to, respect, affirm and act for and with others. In doing so, we can also come to know God even more fully.

HYMN #480 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

Words: George Matheson, 1882 Music: Albert L. Peace, 1884

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE Psalm XIX Benedetto Marcello

*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

Do not pray for easier lives...pray to be stronger people.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	Rev. Paul Harmon	Malcolm Lemons	Sarah Threatt
Martha Boynton	Karen Horne	Paul McClanahan	Edee Vaughan
David Byrum	Lisa Johnson	David Middleton	Jim Ward
Laura Collins	Debby Joyner	Genie & Ron Quinn	Nancy Williams
Heidi Conte	Rev. Judy King	Rick Rowe	Our homebound
Dr. Walter Dean	Martha Helen King	Boyd Saunders	
Mickey Epting	Mike LeFever	Stephanie Saunders	

FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of John Armstrong by the Open Door Sunday School Class and Wednesday Night Small Group. Mr. Armstrong was the father of Ann Jessup and father-in-law of Harvey Jessup.

IN SYMPATHY

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Kay Ross and Richard McEachern in the death of Kay's father, Lowell Ross on September 1.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music Nicholas Todd Shumate Organ Louis Shirer Piano Dr. Rick Frierson Ushers Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan Sound/Video Charles Garren/Lynn Shirley Visitor Cards Suzanne Joye Pew Maintenance Sarah Jones Nursery Carter Vaughn, Jane Polk Children's Church Mackin Wall Online Service Moderator Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(YTD as of 9-15-22): Church Budget: \$865,000

Church \$382,432 Soup Cellar \$51,674 Foundation \$23,030

SCAN TO GIVE





Attendance on 9/11/22:144 (in-person); 129 (online as of 9/15/22); TOTAL = 273