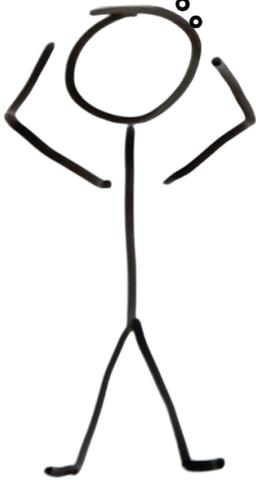




WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Who is Jesus to me?



THE JESUS I HAVE KNOWN

Jesus as Friend

April 16, 2023

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

2nd Sunday of Easter | April 16, 2023 | White

(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices.

Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.)

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

Words: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

Music: Trad. melody; arr. by Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1963

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: True friends are a gift from God.

All: How much better it is to be friends with the Lord!

One: God, we are thankful that Jesus offers to be our friend.

All: Help us live into the relationship Jesus makes available to us.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #888 (from I Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20)

*GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Ann Jessup

(After Children's Moments, children 5 and under may go with the class leader to the 2-3's classroom located on the first floor past the elevator on the left. They may be picked up there, or they will be escorted back to the sanctuary prior to the benediction.)

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation

Paul E. Koch

PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY

Mothering God

Tom Trenny

Soloist: Gabriel McFarlan

(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 #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

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

*HYMN #156

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

Words: Katherine Hankey, ca. 1868

Music: William G. Fischer, 1869

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:12-15

SERMON

"Jesus as Friend"

Rev. Alston Lippert

Part One: The Jesus I Have Known

*HYMN #526

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

Words: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855

Music: Charles C. Converse, 1868

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

IN SYMPATHY

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to love to Deborah Rowe, Ricky, Kristie, Wyatt, Hayden, and Ellis Rowe in the death of Rick Rowe, after a long struggle with cancer, on Saturday, April 9, 2023.



WSUMC/RJAT Hosts

Columbia 63: Our Story Matters Civil Rights Walking Tour

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 | 4:30-5:30 PM

**Scan the QR code, or email Nancy Whittle at
ncwhittle@aol.com to reserve your spot!**

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PRAYER THOUGHT

Think of what God can do and how God delights in hearing the prayers of the people.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	Karen Horne	Sharon McCullough	Nancy Williams
David Byrum	Lisa Johnson	David Middleton	Mary Anne Young
Jimmy Dawkins	Debby Joyner	Rozanna Pfeiffer	Our homebound
Mickey Epting	Jean Kanes	Shawn Powers	
Pat Griffin	Martha Helen King	Genie & Ron Quinn	
Rev. Paul Harmon	Paul McClanahan	Rev. Becky Shirley	

IN SYMPATHY

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Jim Webber and Elizabeth Webber Akre (Neil), granddaughter Vivian, and the entire family on the death of Jim's wife, Dorothy (Dottie) Webber, on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Lucy Woods
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Greeters	Susan Mathews, Marshall Robinson
Children's Moments	Ann Jessup
Sound/Video	Lynn Shirley, Jane Peterson
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Lee Haynes, Sarah-Kate Gravely
Nursery	Molly Grochoski, Olivia Rowland
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 4-13-23

Church Budget: TBD

Church Actual	\$198,643
Soup Cellar	\$23,572
Foundation	\$693

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on 4/9/23: 299 (in-person); 252 (online as of 4-13-23); TOTAL = 551

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