



WASHINGTON STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Who is Jesus to me?

# THE JESUS I HAVE KNOWN

*Following the Way*

May 7, 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



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May 7, 2023 | 5th Sunday of Easter | 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

Louis Shirer

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to worship in the Name of Christ. May our hearts rejoice as we rest in God's presence.

**All: We come to worship choosing to follow the way of Christ, especially when good things are happening and joy can easily be found.**

One: Let us also choose to follow when our thoughts trouble us and we can't find sleep.

**All: We choose to follow Jesus because he is our Guide, and the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.**

HYMN #297

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Words: Elizabeth C. Cellophane, 1872

Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1881

OPENING PRAYER

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

THE GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Dane Waund

*(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.)*

OFFERTORY

*The Call*

Z. Randall Stroope

*(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](http://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 #177

*He Is Lord*  
Words: Philippians 2:9-11  
Music: Trad.; arr. by Tom Fettke

HE IS LORD

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 19:21-41

SERMON

“Following The Way”  
Part IV: The Jesus I Have Known

Rev. Becky Shirley

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

**God of Truth and Grace,**  
**Forgive us when we are tempted to turn to the many false gods out there,**  
**gods like politics, vanity, consumerism, achievement, or constant satisfaction.**  
**You are the Lord of Lords, our True North, our First Love.**  
**Help us place you at the center of our thoughts,**  
**discover you to be the ground beneath our walking,**  
**And stand firm on trust in you as the foundation on which we build our lives.**  
**Forgive us, free us for joyful obedience and make us whole, all in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts  
**All: We lift them up to the Lord**  
One: Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise**  
One: It is right and a good and a joyful thing always and everywhere...now hear us as we pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

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.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

\*HYMN #408

*The Gift of Love*  
Words: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)  
Music: Trad. English melody; adapt. By Hal Hopson, 1972

GIFT OF LOVE

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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

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Pianist

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### PRAYER THOUGHT

The same power that raised Jesus from the grave is the same spirit that lives in us.

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### PRAYER LIST

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

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### IN SYMPATHY

The staff and Washington Street Church family express our deepest sympathy and Christian love to the Reverend Becky and Richard Shirley and her entire family on the death of her sister, Debby Joyner on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

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### SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Lucy Woods
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Children's Moments	Dane Waund
Sound/Video	Lynn Shirley/Jane Peterson
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Cindy & Dane Waund
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Olivia Rowland
Online Narrator	Ed McClain

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 5-4-23

Church Budget: TBD

Church Actual	\$231,316
Soup Cellar	\$26,221
Foundation	\$750

SCAN TO GIVE



**Attendance on 4/30/23: 155 (in-person); 192 (online as of 5-4-23); TOTAL = 347**

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