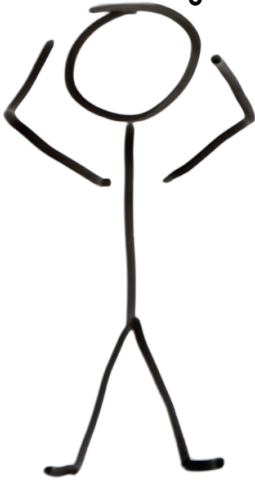




WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Who is Jesus to me?



THE JESUS I HAVE KNOWN

Always & Forever

May 21, 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

7th Sunday of Easter | May 21, 2023 | 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.)

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP FOR ASCENSION DAY++

WSUMC Confirmand

One: Let us gather as they gathered on the Mount of Olivet.

Soloist: Let us remember the teachings of the law, psalms, and prophets.

Many: Ride on King Jesus, ride on! No one can hinder you!

One: Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rose into heaven.

Soloist: Let us remember that every sin has been forgiven.

Many: Ride on King Jesus, ride on! No one can hinder you!

One: Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rode upon the clouds.

Soloist: Let us remember how he promised that we'd be clothed in power.

Many: Ride on King Jesus, ride on! No one can hinder you!

One: Let us gather as they gathered upon a hill so high.

Soloist: Let us remember the ascension of our Messiah.

Many: Ride on King Jesus, ride on! No one can hinder you!

*HYMN #89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1907; st. 4 alt. 1989

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. by Edward Hodges, 1864

INVOCATION

WSUMC Confirmand

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Matthew 28:16-20

Lisa Voegeli

(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

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

arr. Ralph Johnson

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

WSUMC Confirmand

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Recognition of Graduates

Sarah-Kate Gravely

OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus
Soloist: Gabriel McFarlan

Tom Trenney

(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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ASCENSION SUNDAY

WSUMC Confirmand

We trust in God, the Source of all being, sovereign of all Creation, who in love continually creates all that is and all that is to come.

We follow Jesus, God's Anointed One, who embodied God's love in word and deed, giving his life in love. Christ was crucified and yet raised to new life, and ascended to reign over all Creation. Christ, the flesh of God's love, walks among us, accompanying us toward God's reign of peace and justice. Christ, the love of God, rules over our world, occupies all places and times, and leads us toward God's New Creation.

We live by the Holy Spirit, God's love in us, and open our hearts to the Spirit's guidance. We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the unity of the Body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life. We devote our lives to love, mercy and justice in the name and Spirit of Christ, our ruler and our companion. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

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

*HYMN #368

My Hope Is Built
Words: Edward Mote, 1834
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK

SERMON

"Always and Forever"
Part Six: The Jesus I Have Known

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #2196 (IFWS)

We Walk By Faith
Words: Henry Alford, alt. (Mark 9:24; John 20:27-29)
Music: Attr. to Hugh Wilson

MARTYRDOM

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (UMH pg. 33)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

++From Luke 24:44-53 and Acts 1:1-12; www.umcdiscipleship.org/ride-on-king-jesus-a-gathering-litany-for-ascension-day

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PRAYER THOUGHT

In Christ alone our hope is found. He is our light, our strength, our song.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	Rev. Paul Harmon	Paul McClanahan	Nancy Williams
Karen Basso	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	

FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Tom and Virginia Jessup, Mary Beth Kluge and John H. Armstrong by Ann and Harvey Jessup.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Rosemary Aravena
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Greeters	Cindy Cox, Jim Lane
Children's Moments	Lisa Voegeli
Sound/Video	Lynn Shirley, Jane Peterson
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Shelley Stafford
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Jane Polk
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 5-18-23

Church Budget: \$866,231

Church Actual	\$255,430
Soup Cellar	\$33,684
Foundation	\$850

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on 5/14/23: 152 (in-person); 119 (online as of 5/17/23); TOTAL = 271