



Living a Stellar Life

Part I — "The Light of Christ"

July 2, 2023



**WASHINGTON
STREET**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

5th Sunday After Pentecost | July 2, 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP+

One: We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the world!

All: Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!

One: We believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.

One: Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.

All: Let your light shine through us, now and forever.

HYMN #173

Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740

Music: J. G. Werner's Chorabuch, 1815; harm. by William H. Havergal, 1861

PRAYER OF CONFESSION++

God of light, we live in the darkness of despair: worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you. The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels.

We long to turn from the dark and live in the light. We yearn to leave what is evil and follow the paths of righteousness. Shine the light of your love upon us and transform us with your love, that your promised realm may draw near. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE OF PARDON++

The light of God's love shines into the dark places of our world, healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to places of despair. The light of God's love makes us a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

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

O Light of Life!

Mack Wilberg

Baritone Soloist: Bob Evans

(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 1906

HYMN #206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Words: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

Music: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we rejoice in the light of your love....we praise your name
and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here. ...

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

ANTHEM

For Everyone Born

Tom Trenney

*HYMN #585

This Little Light of Mine

LATTIMER

Words: Afro-American spiritual (Mt. 5:14-16)

Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. by William Farley Smith, 1987

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

+ <https://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/2015/02/shiny-call-to-worship.html>

++ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4614/worship-elements-january-22-2023-option-2>

As We Prepare for VBS...Let us pray...

God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open, and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families.

Let your goodness shine through us. Amen.

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PRAYER THOUGHT

There is always light. Be brave enough to see it and brave enough to be it.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander
Karen Basso
Martha Boynton
David Byrum
Mickey Epting

Lin Fesperman
Pat Griffin
Rev. Paul Harmon
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson

Jean Kanes
Martha Helen King
Paul McClanahan
Sharon McCullough
David Middleton

Shawn Powers
Genie & Ron Quinn
Nancy Williams
Our homebound

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The WSUMC Office needs volunteer receptionists to help at the front desk on an as-needed basis on days when we need a helping hand. If you are interested, please contact Jammie at jammie@wsmethodist.org. Hours are half days, morning or afternoon, Monday-Friday.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Greeters	Lisa & Vickie Voegeli
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Children's Moments	Dane Waund
Sound/Video Production	Spencer Stevens, Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Cindy & Dane Waund
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Bre McCloud
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 6-29-23

General Budget: \$866,231

Church	\$323,171
Soup Cellar	\$41,258
Foundation	\$950

SCAN TO GIVE



**Attendance on 6/29/23: 138 (in-person); 116
(online as of 6-29-23); TOTAL = 254**