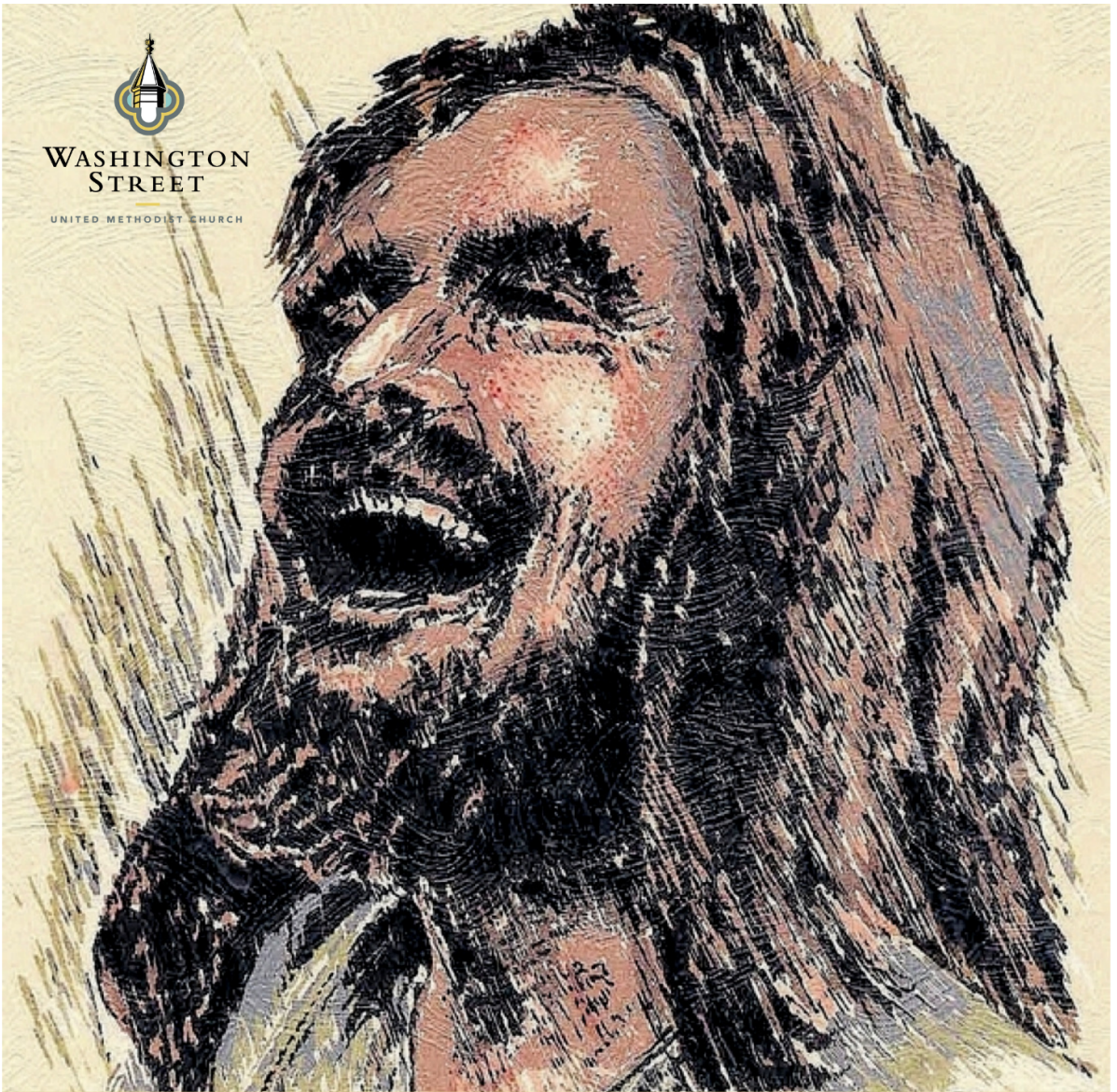




WASHINGTON
STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



“Medicine for a Merry Heart”

June 25, 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

4th Sunday after Pentecost | June 25, 2023 | Green

(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: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: We will sing praises to God and proclaim the wondrous works of God's hands among the people.

One: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: We will rejoice as we worship and call on the name of our God in prayer and praise. Amen.

*HYMN #140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)

Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 Apostles' Creed

*GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Christine Taylor

(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

Walk in Light

Karen Marrolli

PASTORAL 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

Safe Within Your Arms

Mark Hayes

Tenor Soloist: Cody Lidge

(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

*HYMN #528

Nearer, My God, to Thee
Words: Sarah F. Adams, 1841 (Gen. 28:10-22)
Music: Lowell Mason, 1856

BETHANY

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 126

SERMON

"Medicine for a Merry Heart"

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #397

I Need Thee Every Hour
Words: Annie S. Hawks, 1872 (Jn. 15:5)
Music: Robert Lowry, 1873

NEED

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

A vibrant poster for VBS (Vacation Bible School) set against a starry night sky background. On the left, a cartoon star character with a face, arms, and legs waves. Above it, the text "Jesus...said, 'I am the light of the world.'" is written in a stylized font, with "(John 8:12)" below it. In the center, a large light blue rounded rectangle contains the text "VBS: July 10-14, 2023" in bold purple letters. Below this, another light blue rounded rectangle contains "Washington Street UMC | Threatt Hall" in purple. Underneath that, a third light blue rounded rectangle contains "9 AM to 12 PM" in purple. To the right of these, a QR code is displayed. At the bottom left, there is a logo for "STELLAR" with the tagline "SHINE JESUS' LIGHT" below it. To the right of the logo, the text "SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER OR VISIT WSMETHODIST.ORG/VBS" is written in bold yellow and orange letters.

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PRAY FOR OUR VBS

Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any supply needs, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS.

A note about the cover art: Ralph Kozak was invited to attend a prayer meeting. His host showed him a black and white line drawing called "The Laughing Christ." The unsigned drawing impressed Ralph; he took it home and pondered over it. Ralph later discovered that the picture, "Jesus Christ Liberator," was created by Canadian Willis Wheatley in 1973. When Wheatley died, the United Church of Canada acquired rights to the drawing. They, in turn, allowed a group of Paulist Priests, in San Francisco, to produce it under the name of "The Laughing Christ."

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PRAYER THOUGHT

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain and worthy is the King who conquered the grave. **WORTHY!**

PRAYER LIST

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

FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Larry Stephens by his wife, Ellen Carruth. The roses on the pulpit are in honor of the birth of Phoebe Kate Fargher, and James Michael Oehler.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Greeters	Robbie & Lisa Douglas
Children's Moments	Christine Taylor
Sound/Video/Projection	Lynn Shirley, Jane Peterson
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Shelley Stafford,
	Sarah-Kate Gravely
Nursery	Olivia Rowland, Bre McCloud
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 6-22-23
General Budget: \$866,231
Church \$319,947
Soup Cellar \$40,599
Foundation \$950

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on June 18: 161 (in-person); 102 (online) = 263