



GOD MODELS UNITY



WASHINGTON
STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 4, 2023

PROUD MEMBER OF



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.

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June 4, 2023 | Trinity Sunday | 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 gather in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

One: We remember that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

All: We believe the scriptures that proclaim: "in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God".

One: We also know that in the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the earth's darkness and brought forth a kaleidoscope of diversity and life.

All: And in the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."

One: And so, all of humanity came into being, created by God who exists in community as the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

All: We are here as our triune God's community of love and we are ready to worship the source of our being and the reason for our hope. Amen.

HYMN #64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)

Music: John B. Dykes, 1861

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, we were created in your image, an image of mutuality and respect for one another; an image of a dance ever moving, ever in tune one with others; an image of community with shared blessing and mission.

All: You have given us dominion over the work of your hands. You have charged us to be fruitful and multiply, to make disciples of all nations.

One: Yet, we confess that we have abused the earth's resources for our own selfish gain. The consequences of our abuse have wreaked havoc upon the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and every living thing that moves upon the earth.

All: Forgive us God; for all the ways we have defiled your image and your creation.

One: We confess that there is much that is broken and difficult, painful and hateful in this world. Help us to see how our words and actions, our apathy and our silence contribute to the pain and hurt all around us. We trust that you hear us now as we silently confess our sins before you in prayer.

Silence for personal reflection and confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: God desires to see broken relationships restored and has heard our prayers. In the name of Jesus the Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.)

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

MINISTRY MOMENT

Salkehatchie Summer Service

OFFERTORY

Lord of the Small
Soloist: Pato Aravena

Dan Forrest

(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

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551 1906

OLD 100th

HYMN #85

We Believe in One True God
Words: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1668; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863
Music: J. G. Werner's Choralbuch, 1815; arr. by William H. Havergal, 1861

RATISBON

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

"God Models Unity"

Rev. Becky Shirley

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and our praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing....And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...and now, with the confidence that we are your children, hear us as we pray the prayer that 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 #61

Come, Thou Almighty King
Words: Anon.
Music: Felice de Giardini, 1769

ITALIAN HYMN

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS UMH #38

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*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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PRAYER THOUGHT

When we walk through the valley, we know we are not alone. God is always there to lift us up.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander
Karen Basso
Martha Boynton
David Byrum
Mickey Epting

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

NEW MEMBERS

Please help us welcome our new members! Heidi Ankeny (First Lutheran Church, Johnstown, PA); Cody Lidge; Jay Parmley (First Baptist Church, Norman, OK); Sarah-Kate Gravely (Smith Memorial UMC, Collinsville, VA).

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Please help us welcome James Michael Oehler, born at 5:39 pm on May 31, weighing 8lbs, 13 oz, and 21 inches long! Congratulations to the parents, Dr. Michael and Erin Oehler, and sisters, Eleanor and Isabel.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Lucy Wood
Greeters	Shelley Stafford
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Children's Moments	Dane Waund
Sound/Video/Projector	Spencer Stevens, Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Cindy & Dane Waund
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Jane Polk
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 5-31-23

Church Budget: TBD

Church Actual	\$265,374
Soup Cellar	\$32,684
Foundation	\$900

SCAN TO GIVE



**Attendance on 5/28/23: 126 (in-person); 105
(online as of 6-2-23); TOTAL = 231**