



## Plugged In For Others

AUGUST 27, 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





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13th Sunday after Pentecost | August 27, 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: Welcome to this time of worship! All are welcome here!

**All: We are here for a purpose. When we plug in, Jesus fills our lives with meaning;**

One: Yes, but that's not the end of the story! Remember how Jesus sent the disciples to go into all the world?

**All: We know that God sends us to do God's work in the world.**

One: Then let us give God thanks for calling us, and equipping us, and filling our lives with meaning.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

### \*HYMN #715

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

DARWALL'S 148th

Words: Charles Wesley, 1746 (1 Cor. 15:51-52)

Music: John Darwall, 1770; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883

The United Church of Canada

### \*GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

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

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Susan Caskey

*(After Children's Moments, children five 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

## MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten us.**

**We pray that we keep our hearts and minds open to new ideas and that we may grow in our understanding of your ways. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name as we pray the prayer He taught us to pray:**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## \*PREPARING TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*As we prepare for the offering let us reflect on how we are each called to share our gifts, our prayers, our service, and our witness to create a community of amazing grace.*

## OFFERTORY

*An Offering*

Dan Forrest

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](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 #95

OLD 100th

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

## \*HYMN #369

*Blessed Assurance*

ASSURANCE

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873  
Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

## WITNESSES TO MINISTRY

Pato Arevena and Mackin Wall

## \*SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 1:26-28a  
Romans 12:9-21

## SERMON

Plugged In, Part IV  
"Plugged In For Others"

Rev. Tom Wall

## \*HYMN #584

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn, 1978; (Lk. 9:2; Mt. 28:19-20; Lk. 23:24)  
Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

## \*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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Pianist

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## PRAYER THOUGHT

Let your place of secret prayer become your most beloved spot on earth.

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## PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander  
Karen Basso  
Martha Boynton  
David Byrum  
Mickey Epting

Pat Griffin  
Betsy Halloren  
Rev. Paul Harmon  
Karen Horne  
Lisa Johnson

Jean Kanes  
Martha Helen King  
Lin Fesperman Lord  
Beverly McClanahan  
Paul McClanahan

Sharon McCullough  
David Middleton  
Shawn Powers  
Genie & Ron Quinn  
Nancy Williams  
Our homebound

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## SERVING TODAY

Director of Music  
Organ  
Piano  
Acolyte  
Ushers  
Greeter  
Children's Moments  
Sound/Video/Projection  
Visitor Cards  
Pew Maintenance  
Children's Church  
Nursery  
Online Moderator

Nicholas Todd Shumate  
Louis Shirer  
Rick Frierson  
Lucy Woods  
Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan  
Shelley Stanford  
Susan Caskey  
Spencer Stevens, Lynn Shirley  
Suzanne Joye  
Jammie Watters  
McKenzie Powers, Olivia Rowland  
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Ed McClain

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 8-23-23

Church Budget: \$866,231

Church Actual	\$414,147
Soup Cellar	\$43,924
Foundation	\$14,570

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on 8/20/23: 172 (in-person); 136 (online as of 8/20/23); TOTAL = 308
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