



# Releasing Our Blessings

## A Legacy of Blessings: “Releasing Our Blessings”

October 8, 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.



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20th Sunday after Pentecost | October 8, 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: God invites us to be a people of generosity.

**All: God shows us that there is enough.**

One: God invites us to remember our blessings.

**All: God wants us to build a legacy of love.**

\*HYMN #87

*What Gift Can We Bring?*

ANNIVERSARY SONG

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORDS 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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Alston Lippert

*(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

*Order My Steps*

HARRY BURLEIGH

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #884 A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

\*GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

MINISTRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY

*Give Me Jesus*  
Soloist: Cody Lidge

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](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

\*HYMN #194

*Morning Glory, Starlit Sky*

MONKLAND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Corinthians 9:1-5

SERMON

*"A Legacy of Blessing"*  
Part I: Releasing Our Blessings

Rev. Becky Shirley

\*HYMN #365

*Grace Greater than Our Sin*

MOODY

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

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



STEWARDSHIP  
2024  
LUNCHEON

Join us as we “release  
our blessings”  
at a potluck luncheon  
Sunday, Oct. 22nd  
12:00 pm  
Threatt Hall  
Meat and drinks  
provided  
Bring a side or a  
dessert

Releasing Our  
Blessings



Sing Along  
Messiah

WE'RE GETTING THERE!

\$15,000  
\$10,000  
\$5,000  
\$0

Goal

Raised

Monday, December 11, 2023  
7:00 pm | Sanctuary  
Reservations open Nov. 1  
[wsmethodist.org/sam](http://wsmethodist.org/sam)

<b>Reverend Becky J. Shirley</b> Senior Pastor rjshirley@umcsc.org	<b>Felicia Yockel</b> Director of Child Development Center felicia@wsmethodist.org	<b>Jammie Watters</b> Administrative Assistant jammie@wsmethodist.org
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<b>Sarah-Kate Gravely</b> Director of Children & Youth Ministries sarahkate@wsmethodist.org	<b>Jane Peterson</b> Director of Communications jane@wsmethodist.org	<b>Louis Shirer</b> Organist louis@wsmethodist.org
<b>Catherine Nance</b> Interim Director of Music catherine@wsmethodist.org	<b>Jerry Sumpter</b> Director of Maintenance jerry@wsmethodist.org	<b>Rick Frierson</b> Pianist

**PRAYER THOUGHT**  
 We are powerless when we are prayerless.

PRAYER LIST			
Betsy Alexander	Rev. Paul Harmon	Beverly McClanahan	Peggy Ward
Karen Basso	Karen Horne	Paul McClanahan	Nancy Williams
David Byrum	Lisa Johnson	Sharon McCullough	Our homebound
Mickey Epting	Jean Kanes	David Middleton	
Pat Griffin	Martha Helen King	Shawn Powers	
Betsy Halloren	Lin Fesperman Lord	Genie & Ron Quinn	

SERVING TODAY


Interim Director of Music	Catherine Nance
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Acolyte	Lucy Woods
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Greeter	Tom Berry, Shelley Stafford
Children’s Moments	Rev. Alston Lippert
Sound/Video/Projection	Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children’s Church	Tracy Powers, Shelley Stafford
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Olivia Rowland
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 10-5-23

Church Budget: \$866,231

Church Actual	\$ 499,366
Soup Cellar	\$ 48,463
Foundation	\$ 14,569



SCAN TO GIVE

SIGN UP TODAY TO JOIN THE DAY TRIPPERS!

ANNE FRANK CENTER @ USC  
FRIDAY, OCT. 20 | 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
\$10 FOR EXHIBIT  
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT THE CHURCH-\$10