



Releasing Our Blessings

Releasing Our Blessings:
“Blessed People Bless Others”

October 15, 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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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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21st Sunday after Pentecost | October 15, 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

Allegro from Concerto in A Minor

A. Vivaldi/J.S. Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Matthew 6:28-34)

One: We are blessed, not because we have everything we want,

All: but because God provides everything we need.

One: Consider the lilies of the field and how they grow,

All: and yet God adorns them so radiantly.

One: So don't let questions of doubt and lack worry your soul,

All: God knows exactly what we need.

*HYMN #593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM LORD

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

Ann Jessup

(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

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

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

*GLORIA PATRI #70

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MINISTRY MOMENT		Carol Fowler
OFFERTORY	<i>His Eye is on the Sparrow</i> Soloist: Anna Swearingen <i>(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.)</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
*DOXOLOGY #95		OLD 100th
*HYMN #2235-B (TFWS)	<i>We Are Marching</i>	SIYAHAMBA
SCRIPTURE LESSONS	Genesis 12:1-2 and 1 Peter 4:10	
SERMON	"Blessed People Bless Others" Part II: Releasing Our Blessings	Rev. Becky Shirley
*HYMN #2241 (TFWS)	<i>The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve</i>	LAND OF REST
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata from Symphony No. 5</i> <i>*Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.</i> <i>When our worship ends, our service begins!</i>	Charles-Marie Widor



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!

Goal	Raised
\$15,000	\$12,616

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

Reverend Becky J. Shirley Senior Pastor rjshirley@umcsc.org	Felicia Yockel Director of Child Development Center felicia@wsmethodist.org	Jammie Watters Administrative Assistant jammie@wsmethodist.org
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Catherine Nance Interim Director of Music catherine@wsmethodist.org	Jerry Sumpter Director of Maintenance jerry@wsmethodist.org	Rick Frierson Pianist

PRAYER THOUGHT
 Prayer delights God’s ear and melts God’s heart.

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	Alma Louise
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan
Greeter	Richard Shirley
Children’s Moments	Ann Jessup
Sound/Video/Projection	Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children’s Church	McCullough Adams, Karisma Peterkin
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Olivia Rowland
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 10-11-23
Church Budget: \$866,231

Church Actual	\$ 506,039
Soup Cellar	\$ 49,763
Foundation	\$ 14,569



SCAN TO GIVE

The DayTrippers’ tour of the Anne Frank Center will need to be rescheduled.
The Center double-booked tours on Friday, October 20 and we were the second tour booked.
Watch for news of a rescheduled tour.