



# Releasing Our Blessings

## Part IV: Releasing Our Blessings “Overflowing Blessings”

October 22, 2023  
Pledge Sunday

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 22, 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 G Minor*

J. Ernst/J.S. Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

One: God has shown us that there is enough;

**All: we declare that we are a community of generosity.**

One: When things are tight, and the future seems uncertain,

**All: we declare that we are a community of possibility.**

One: God's love shapes us and molds us to share from our own blessings;

**All: we declare that we are a community of overflow.**

\*HYMN #572

*Pass It On*

PASS IT ON

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

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

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Mack Wilberg

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

\*GLORIA PATRI #70

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MINISTRY MOMENT		Christine Hait
OFFERTORY	<i>Yes, Jesus Loves Me</i> Soloist: Taylor Goodwin	Mary McDonald
<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>		
*DOXOLOGY #95		OLD 100th
*HYMN #432	<i>Jesu, Jesu</i>	CHERE PONI
SCRIPTURE LESSON	2 Corinthians 9:11-15	
SERMON	Part IV: Releasing Our Blessings "Overflowing Blessings"	Rev. Becky Shirley
*HYMN #438	<i>Forth in Thy Name, O Lord</i>	DUKE STREET
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Vivace from Concerto in G Major</i> *	J. Ernst/J.S. Bach
<i>Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.</i>		
<i>When our worship ends, our service begins!</i>		



**Fall Festival**  
**October 29th**  
**4:00 – 6:00 pm**  
**Parking Lot**

Bouncy House, Trunk or Treat Games, Pumpkin Carving & More!



*Sing-Along Messiah*

**WE'RE GETTING THERE!**

15,000	
10,000	
5,000	
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Goal	Raised
\$15,000	\$12,866.07

**GIVE NOW!**

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

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<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

Prayer is not a monologue, but a dialogue. Listen for God’s voice.

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

ALTER FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Brown by Susan Brown and family.

SERVING TODAY		STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Interim Director of Music	Catherine Nance	<u>As of 10-11-23</u>	
Organ	Louis Shirer	<u>Church Budget: \$866,231</u>	
Piano	Rick Frierson	Church Actual	\$ 514,084
Acolyte	Cora McGandy	Soup Cellar	\$ 49,813
Ushers	Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan	Foundation	\$ 14,569
Greeter	Jim Lane, Lisa, and Vickie Voegeli		
Children’s Moments	Dane Waund		
Sound/Video/Projection	Lynn Shirley		
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye		
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters		
Children’s Church	Eleanore Langley, Lee Haynes		
Nursery	McKenzie Powers, Bre McCloud		
Online Moderator	Ed McClain		

Attendance on 10/15/23: 148 (in-person); 88 (online) = 236



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