



# Mother's Day

**May 12, 2024**

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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7th Sunday of Easter | May 12, 2024 | 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

*Lied*

Louis Vierne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

*Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*

Mark Miller

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Mothers come in many different forms and today we celebrate them all.

**All: We give thanks to God for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways as mothers, coaches, teachers, mentors and friends.**

One: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth,

**All: We give thanks to God for the love they shared and the positive lessons they taught us.**

One: For those women who grieve the loss of a child,

**All: God says through the prophet Isaiah, "As a mother comforts her young, so will I comfort you."**

One: We take time today to remember the women who have mothered us because a good and faithful mother's love is most like God's love and inspires us to love others.

**All: Thanks be to God for the women who have touched our lives with the tears they've shed, the hugs they've given, the wisdom they've imparted, their unfailing trust in our abilities and for the many ways they reflect God's love to us. Amen.**

\*HYMN #577

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDA

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 A Modern Affirmation

\*GLORIA PATRI #70

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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)*

ANTHEM

*And Can It Be?*

Dan Forrest

MORNING PRAYER

## 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.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Esther 3:13; 4:13-17

## \*HYMN #578

*God of Love and God of Power*

UNSER HERRSCHER

## MINISTRY MOMENT

Epworth Children's Home

## OFFERTORY

*Ride on Jesus!*

arr. Burleigh

Soloist: Malcolm Lemons

*(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 #94

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## SERMON

Focusing on Helping Others

Rev. Becky Shirley

## \*HYMN #568

*Christ for the World We Sing*

ITALIAN HYMN

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

Theodore Dubois

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

**Help Us Get the  
Soup Cellar to  
Shine  
AND SPARKLE!**



**Saturday, May 25  
9 am-1 pm**

**CLAIRE DANES**



ALTON GAVE HER A VISION.  
SHE GAVE IT A VOICE.

**Temple Grandin**

WHAT MADE HER DIFFERENT MADE HER EXCEPTIONAL.

**MOVIE  
DISCUSSION!**

**Monday, May 20  
7 pm**

**Wesley Room & Zoom  
Contact  
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for Zoom link**

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Pianist (volunteer)

**NARTHEX FLOWERS**

The flowers in the narthex are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Lin Fesperman Lord  
by Linda Fesperman and family.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

Sometimes a busy life makes prayer harder, but prayer can make a busy life easier.

**PRAYER LIST**

Ann Bell	Mickey Epting	Lisa Johnson	Ellen Parker
John Benfield	Nancy Epting	Jean Kanes	Shawn Powers
Ron Bowden	Carl Evans	Beverly McClanahan	Peggy Ward
Carol Breneman	Pat Griffin	Paul McClanahan	Nancy Williams
Sue Dillon	Karen Horne	Sharon McCullough	Our homebound

**IN SYMPATHY**

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and  
Christian love to Linda Fesperman and her family in the death of her daughter Lin (Linda) Fesperman Lord,  
on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

*and to*

Sarah Quinn Jones and her family in the death of her mother, Genie S. Quinn, on Thursday, May 9, 2024.

**VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY**

Acolyte	Rosemary Aravena
Ushers	Emily Caskey, Susan Caskey
Greeters	Shelley Stafford, Nancy Whittle
Children’s Moment	Dane Waund
Sound/Video/Projection	Lynn Shirley, Spencer Stevens
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Children’s Church	Lee Haynes, Eleanore Langley
Nursery	Ethen Cook, McCullough Adams
Online Moderator	Ed McClain
Lay Reader	Alma Louise Aravena

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<u>As of 5-9-24</u>	
<u>Church Budget: \$ Pending</u>	
<u>YTD</u>	
Church Actual	\$ 253,874.00
Soup Cellar	\$ 30,406.00
Foundation	\$ 5,700.00

**SCAN TO  
GIVE**

