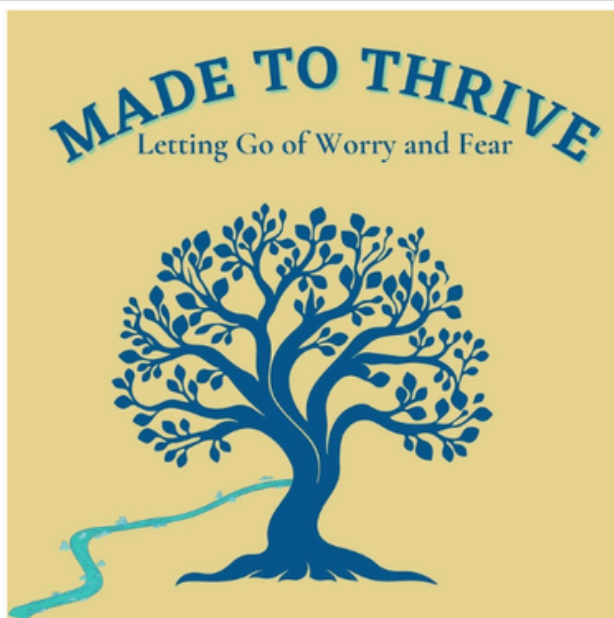




WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



September 8, 2024

Isaiah 40:28-31

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. **29** He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. **30** Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; **31** but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Order of Worship

16th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, My Way

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Words will be projected)

Sara Wilcox

***HYMN #147 (UMH)**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Words will be projected)

Sara Wilcox

GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dane Waund

(After the lesson, children ages 5 and under may go with the class leader to the 2-3's classroom on the first floor past the elevator on the left. If this is your child's first time with us, please accompany them. Children may be picked up in this room following the service.)

ANTHEM

Lord, Here Am I

arr. John Ness Beck

Master, thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me and I'll find my way. Teach me the mission appointed for me—what is my labor and where it shall be. Master, thou callest and this I reply: "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I!" Willing my Savior to take up the cross, willing to suffer reproaches and loss. Willing to follow if thou wilt be lead; only support me with grace in my need. Living or dying, I still would be thine, yet I am mortal and thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light. Master, thou callest and this I reply: "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I." Scripture text: Jeremiah 31:27-34

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Words will be projected)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:28-31

OFFERTORY

Prayer of Mother Teresa

Craig Courtney

Soloist: Kristin Lynch

***DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***HYMN #148 (UMH)**

Many and Great, O God

LACQUIPARLE

SERMON

Letting Go of Worry and Fear

Rev. Becky Shirley

***HYMN #150 (UMH)**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

***BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

*Indicates Congregation stands as you are able
UMH indicates Red Hymnal
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Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

FALL FESTIVAL 2024

Get ready for a day of autumnal fun at the Fall Festival. On October 27, 2024, from 4pm to 6pm, join us for an afternoon of exciting games, delicious food, and vibrant community spirit. It's the perfect opportunity to embrace the season and connect with friends and neighbors. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details!

T-Shirt Sales

In response to many requests, Washington Street UMC t-shirts will be available to preorder on Sunday, September 8, 15, and 22 before and after Worship. Active Faith is proud to be able to provide these t-shirts to our congregation. The teal, short sleeve shirt will cost \$15. The white, long sleeve teeshirts will sell for \$20 and the short sleeve Washington Street UMC Pride teeshirts will cost \$20. Orders will go in after September 22 with an estimated delivery date of early October - in time for Pride Weekend. Show your pride in our church by ordering and wearing your new t-shirts.

Youth Group Fellowship & Fun - Today - 4:30 pm

Rising 6th through 12th graders are invited to gather in the Youth Room at 4:30 pm today as we kick-off a new school year together with pizza and games. Contact Rev. Kathy James (kljames@umcsc.org) for more information.

Come To The WELL

Join us at the WELL, a special 30-minute service held at Christ Chapel on the third Thursday of each month from 11:00-11:30 am. This service, features familiar hymns, an interactive Jesus story, and communion. Everyone, particularly individuals living with dementia, autism, or other challenges, along with their care partners, are warmly invited to experience this uniquely tailored service.

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Nancy Epting	Lisa Johnson	Ellen Parker
John Benfield	Carl Evans	Paul McClanahan	Joe Plaugh
Ron Bowden	Pat Griffin	Patrick McClanahan	Our Homebound
Mickey Epting	Karen Horne	Sharon McCullough	

Making Disciples of Jesus for the Transformation of the World

The congregation of Washington Street UMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways that reach 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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Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte	Beatrice McGandy
Children's Church	Eleanor Langley Jordyn Hughes
Greeter.	Ute Wachsmann-Linen
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spencer Stevens & John Pannell
Ushers:	Susan Caskey Jane Peterson

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 9/1: 239 (156 in person + 86 online as of 8/20)

YTD Offerings Received: \$412,891 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$43,146
YTD Expenses: \$570,032 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$51,237

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$21,224

Staff Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Becky Shirley	rjshirley@umcsc.org
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Organist:	David Turner	david@wsmethodist.org
Pianist:	Dr. Rick Frierson	(volunteer)