



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



September 22, 2024

Ephesians 4:29-5:2 (CEB)

Don't let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say.

Don't make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy—you were sealed by him for the day of redemption. Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ. Therefore, imitate God like dearly loved children. Live your life with love, following the example of Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. He was a sacrificial offering that smelled sweet to God.

Order of Worship

18th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

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WORDS OF WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Words will be projected) Jay Parmley

*HYMN #546 (UMH) *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Words will be projected) Jay Parmley

GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Melanie Dobson

(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 *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Eric Nelson

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your Protector never slumbers; at the will of your Defender every foe then must surrender. No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home. Scripture reference: 2 Corinthians 6:18

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Words will be projected)

OFFERTORY *You Raise Me Up* Rolf Lovland

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

*HYMN FWS #2175 *Together We Serve* SAN ANSELMO

*GOSPEL LESSON

SERMON *A Failure to Communicate* Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #648 (UMH) *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Deborah Rowe in memory of her daughter, Carol H Clements, and in honor of the United Women of Faith.

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry Sunday

Thanks to the generosity of Washington Streeters, we collected \$3500 for Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry Sunday. These funds will provide much needed housing and supportive services for adults with special needs.

First Year Teacher's Closet

Active Faith wants to remind everyone of this important ministry that is ongoing until November 15th. Gently used classroom attire may be brought to the Joy Class on the 3rd Floor. We are accepting all sizes of women's and men's clothing, shoes, belts, men's ties and handbags. Graduating Education seniors will be able to choose clothing to help them build a professional wardrobe in lieu of a student wardrobe. We thank everyone who has donated to this mission.

T-Shirt Sales

Washington Street UMC t-shirts will be available to preorder on Sunday, September today and on the 22nd before and after Worship. Active Faith is proud to be able to provide these t-shirts to our congregation. The teal, short sleeve shirt cost \$15. The white, long sleeve t-shirts will sell for \$20 and the short sleeve Washington Street UMC Pride t-shirts 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.

MOVIE DISCUSSION

Join us as we discuss the comedy Bruce Almighty tomorrow night at 7:00 pm in the Wesley Room and on Zoom. For more information email Rev. Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell
John Benfield
Ron Bowden
Mickey Epting

Nancy Epting
Carl Evans
Pat Griffin
Karen Horne

Lisa Johnson
Paul McClanahan
Patrick McClanahan
Sharon McCullough

Ellen Parker
Joe Plough
Our Homebound

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.

Thank you for your Financial Support

Your Gifts help make ministry happen every day !

You may give by texting CONNECTIONS to 73256
Your gift to 1401 Washington Street, Columbia, 29201
by scanning the QR you see here.



Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte	Cora McGandy
Children's Church	McCullough
Adams, Hayden Rowe, & Sarah Muñoz	
Greeters	Jim Lane
	Shelley Stafford
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spencer Stevens
Ushers:	James Boulware
	Garry Stevens

Contact Information

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 9/15: 248 (162 in person + 86 online as of 9/16)

YTD Offerings Received: \$479,658 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$51,411

YTD Expenses: \$636,396 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$55,873

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$25,551

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)