



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



October 20, 2024

After a few days, Jesus returned to Capernaum, and word got around that he was back home. A crowd gathered, jamming the entrance so no one could get in or out. He was teaching the Word. They brought a paraplegic to him, carried by four men. When they weren't able to get in because of the crowd, they removed part of the roof and lowered the paraplegic on his stretcher. Impressed by their bold belief, Jesus said to the paraplegic, "Son, I forgive your sins."

Some religion scholars sitting there started whispering among themselves, "He can't talk that way! That's blasphemy! God and only God can forgive sins."

Jesus knew right away what they were thinking, and said, "Why are you so skeptical? Which is simpler: to say to the paraplegic, 'I forgive your sins,' or say, 'Get up, take your stretcher, and start walking'? Well, just so it's clear that I'm the Son of Man and authorized to do either, or both..." (he looked now at the paraplegic), "Get up. Pick up your stretcher and go home." And the man did it—got up, grabbed his stretcher, and walked out, with everyone there watching him. They rubbed their eyes, stunned—and then praised God, saying, "We've never seen anything like this!"

Mark 2: 1-12

Order of Worship

22st Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *More Love to Thee, O Christ* arr. Carolyn Hamlin

WORDS OF WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *All Are Welcome* Marty Haugen

*CALL TO WORSHIP Michael McGandy

*HYMN #73 (UMH) *O Worship the King* LYONS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM *Fight the Good Fight* Alfred Fedak

Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right. Lay hold on life and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally. Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes, and seek his face. Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize. Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; his boundless mercy will provide. Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and love. Faint not nor fear, he changes not, and thou art dear; only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee!
(1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7)

MINISTRY MOMENT

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ann Jessup

Following the Children's moments, children will follow an adult into the choir room for a brief choir experience. Afterwards, children ages 3-5 will be escorted by a Children's Church leader to Children's Church in the 2-3 year-old Sunday school room, where they may be picked up after the worship service. Older children will return to their parents.

OFFERTORY *Wonderful Words of Life* arr. David Lanz, III
Soloist: Pato Aravena

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #415 (UMH) *Take Up Thy Cross* BEACH SPRING

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 2:1-12

SERMON Helping Others Can Change Lives Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #518 (UMH) *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* GERMANY

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Festival Alleluia* Dan Miller

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal

* = Please stand as you are able

Young Professionals - Game Night & Dinner (Nov. 7th, 6:30-8:30)

We invite all adults ages 25-45 to join us for our second gathering as a group.

We will once again enjoy games, food and new friendships in Threatt Hall.

Contact Rev. Kathy James for more information (kljames@umcsc.org)

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

Annual Charge Conference Meeting - Tuesday, October 22nd - 7:30 PM

Everyone is invited to join us as The Rev. Fran Elrod, our District Superintendent, meets with us in Christ Chapel to hear reports from our Church Council about ministry accomplishments over the past 12 months. During the charge conference, Church council members will also vote on the election of church council lay leadership for 2025 and compensation packages for our 3 clergy.

Fall Festival October 27th 4-6 PM

Get ready for a day of autumnal fun at the Fall Festival. It promises to be 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. See Rev. Kathy James for more details (Kljames@umcsc.org).

Movie Discussion

Join us as we discuss the comedy Legally Blonde on October 28, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Wesley Room and on Zoom. For more information, email Rev. Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org

Attention: Parents of College Students

The 2's and 3's Sunday school class are preparing surprises for all WSUMC college students. To help these young disciples make sure their surprises reach all of our college students, if you are the parent of WSUMC college student, please either fill out the blue tear off on the bulletin with your student's name and mailing address or email this information to Mary Lide (neaudl@aol.com).

Welcome Table

The Welcome Table/Soup Cellar joint team announces our special combined fall event on Tuesday, October 29th. In Threat Hall, during the normal Soup Cellar serving time, we will additionally offer health and hygiene services along with a hot meal to our guests who are home and food insecure in the Columbia community.

How You Can Help:

1. Mark Your Calendars!
2. Volunteer Opportunity! If you're available to lend a hand, we'd love your support! To volunteer contact Lee Haynes
3. We welcome donations of hygiene products (travel-sized toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc.) and/or warm crew socks. Please drop off in the donation garden at the church by Sunday, Oct 27 or bring to the Fall Festival.

Let's come together to make a difference this fall. Your support means so much to those in daily need within Columbia! For more information, contact Lee Haynes at lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com

Save The Following Dates - More Details to Come Next Week

Monday, November 4 - Christ Chapel open for prayer for our nation

Sunday, November 10 - Kindness Meal Served to the Entire Congregation immediately after the service of worship

Sunday, November 17 - Meet & Greet Breakfast welcoming to WSUMC our missionary partners in Ecuador, Sara Flores & her husband, Dakin Cook. They will share updates with us about their ministry and the ways our support is making a positive difference. Everyone is invited to attend.

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell
John Benfield
Ron Bowden
Mickey Epting

Nancy Epting
Carl Evans
Pat Griffin
Karen Horne

Lisa Johnson
Sam Mathews
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: Rosemary Aravena
Children's Church: Kristie Rowe,
McCullough Adams, Hayden Rowe
Greeter: Ute Wachsman-Linen
Sound/Video/Projection: Spencer Stevens
Ushers: Robbie Douglas
Lisa Voegeli

Contact Information

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9:00 am-4:00 pm

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 10/13: 329 (145 in person + 184 online as of 10/16)

YTD Offerings Received: \$540,217 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$53,656

YTD Expenses: \$706,369 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$61,482

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$25,551

Staff Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Becky Shirley	rjshirley@umcsc.org
Associate Pastor for Nurture:	Rev. Alston Lippert	aflippert@umcsc.org
Director of Music Ministries:	Dr. Catherine Nance	catherine@wsmethodist.org
Organist:	David Turner	david@wsmethodist.org
Pianist:	Dr. Rick Frierson	(volunteer)