



# WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Entry Into Jerusalem by Wilhelm Morgner (1891-1917), at the Ostwall Museum, Dortmund, Germany

## April 13, 2025

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (NRSVUE)

# Order of Worship

## 6th Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday

**PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Rev. Becky Shirley

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CHORAL INTRIO**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**\*HYMN #278 (UMH)**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Ann Jessup

*Following the Children's moments, children will follow an adult into the choir room for a short time of music. 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 seats in the congregation*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Based on the Sermon on the Mount

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Lippert

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY**

Et Incarnatus Est  
Soloist: Maria Beery

Mozart

**\*DOXOLOGY #95 (UMH)**

OLD 100TH

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**ANTHEM**

*To the Lamb Upon the Throne*

Dan Forrest

Worthy the Lamb! Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol; "His kingdom is glorious and rules over all! Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb. God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, his presence we have, the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our king! Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow'r all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above never ceasing, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love. Worthy the Lamb! Scripture reference: Revelation 5:12

**\*HYMN #2083 (TFWS)**

*My Song is Love Unknown*

RHOSYMDRE

**SERMON**

A Living Invitation

Rev. Shirley

**\*HYMN #2113 (TFWS)**

*Lamb of God*

SWEET LAMB OF GOD

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**\*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing

\* = Please stand as you are able

### In Sympathy

Rev. Becky J. Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Toi and Avivette Jones, their family and friends in the death of Toi's father, Luther Jones Jr, who died on April 8, 2025.

### Absence of Flowers During the Season of Lent

Throughout Lent, we will not have flowers on the altar during this season of austerity and simple reflection. We hope this absence of flowers will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!

# Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

**WELCOME!** We are glad you are here to worship with us! If you'd like to learn more or get more connected to this community of faith, please fill out the tear-off section of this bulletin.

## Ministry Events This Week

### **Today, April 13th - 4:30 PM - Youth Group on Healthy Relationships**

Bring your friends for a conversation on healthy relationships with youth from Washington Street, Columbia, and Wesley United Methodist Churches.

### **Thursday, April 17 - 11:00 AM - The WELL**

Join us and invite family and friends to come with you to participate in this special monthly service. We gather at 11:00 AM for 30-minutes of worship in the Chapel. This service is filled with hymn singing as we hear a brief "Jesus story" and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. An especially welcoming service for persons living with dementia and their caregivers.

### **Thursday, April 17 - 6:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Worship**

Join us for this special Holy Week service of worship in Christ Chapel.

### **Friday, April 18- 6:00 PM - Good Friday Worship**

Join us for this special Holy Week service of worship in Christ Chapel.

### **Easter Sunday Morning Pot Luck Breakfast - (9:30-10:40 AM)**

Bring your favorite breakfast fruit, danish, or casserole dish and join us in Threath Hall as we celebrate the gift of Easter Resurrection.

## Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

### **Monday, April 21st Welcome Table Lunch - (11:30-12:30)**

This special meal is an extension of our soup cellar ministry serving our guests at the table and offering table fellowship and caring services like haircuts and health checks. To volunteer visit <https://signupgenius.com/>

### **Saturday, April 26th - Columbia Fireflies Faith & Family Night**

Join us for a Christian concert, a baseball game, and fireworks at Segra Park. The cost is \$10. Pregame Christooan Concert begins at 4:30 PM. For more info or to register, email Dave Mills (dmills3218@sbcglobal.net).

### **Sunday, April 27th - 4:30 PM - Youth Group Senior Sunday**

Youth, parents and the choir will join in a Karaoke Party to celebrate the church's high school seniors!

### **Monday, April 28 - Movie Discussion - The Holdovers**

All are welcome to this discussion of how the characters in this movie overcome perceptions. Meet at the church or join via ZOOM. Email Rev. Alston at [aflippert@umcsc.org](mailto:aflippert@umcsc.org) to register & get info.

### **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - The Agape Table - 6 PM - Chapel**

Join us for a roundtable discussion on how to build community in the church amidst theological, sexual, and gender diversity. How do we look more like Jesus in the midst of these differences?

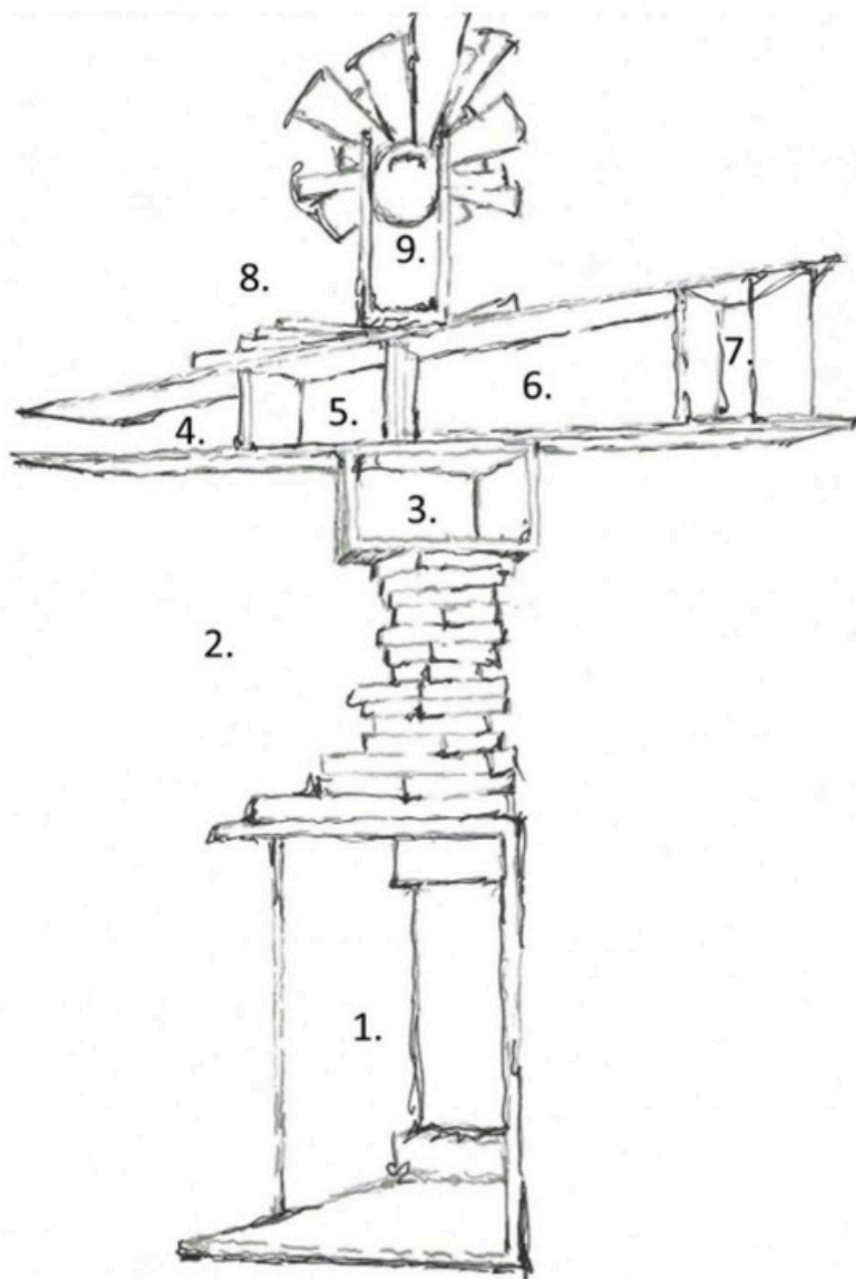
### **May 10 - 16 - WSUMC's Active Faith Ministry Yard Sale Drop**

Monday-Friday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2 PM (FOB NEEDED), Sunday: During church hours. Please note: Assistance may not be available for unloading—call ahead if needed!

### **June 14-21 Salkehatchie Summer Service-2025 Penn Center Camp.**

A mission camp for teenagers (14 and older) and adults. You can register for the camp at [Salkehatchie.org](http://Salkehatchie.org). The last day to register is May 1. Scholarships are available. Contact Susan Caskey at 803-463-6138 or [turnitbluesue17@gmail.com](mailto:turnitbluesue17@gmail.com) for more information.

# A SACRIFICE OF LOVE



# Koinonia of Hope

The fellowship of people bound together by a common commitment to one another in Jesus Christ.

1. **Community**—Jeremiah 17:8, Church that is rooted in the gospel will be fruitful
2. **Inspire** — Galatians 5:22-23. 33 words inscribed on the 9 planks referencing Christ's life and ministry
3. **Humility** – Zechariah 9:9, the donkey
4. **Kindness**— Luke 10:25-37, the ebenezer
5. **Strength**— Corinthians 4:7, a clay vessel
6. **Resilience**— Romans 12:21, we get back up again
7. **Prayer**—Genesis 28:10-22, the connection between heaven and earth
8. **Sacrifice**— Romans 5:8, Christ died for our sins
9. **Blessings**— Philippians 4:19 God of mercy and grace

On the first Sunday of Lent, I received seventy-five plus words of hope from the congregation at Washington Street UMC. My assignment was to create a cross that embodies this collective message. The Cross comprises written and symbolized word on and shadow boxes and planks of stacked wood that form an abstracted assemblage cross.

Wayne Hall, Artist  
WSUMC Member



## In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Carl Evans	Sam Mathews	Sally Mings
Ron Bowden	Pat Griffin	Paul McClanahan	Ellen Parker
Truman Duggin	Karen Horne	Patrick McClanahan	Joe Plough
Mickey Epting	Lisa Johnson	Sharon McCullough	Our Homebound
Nancy Epting	Robin Johnson		

### 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

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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:	Eleanor Langley Sophia Farthing
Greeter:	Jim Lane Shelley Stafford
Sound/Video/Projection:	Lynn Shirley Spencer Stephens
Ushers:	Lanneau Lide Susan Caskey

### Contact Information

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### Stewardship Report

**Attendance on 04/06: 360 (194 in person + 166 online as of 04/09)**

**YTD Offerings Received: \$215,177**

**YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$18,290**

**YTD Expenses: \$276,444**

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**YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$0**

### Worship Leadership Team

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