



WASHINGTON  
STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



June 1, 2025

"Let's not get tired of doing good,  
because in time we'll have a harvest  
if we don't give up."

Galatians 6:9

# Order of Worship

## 7th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

*Lead Me Lord*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alisa Liggett

\*HYMN #152 (UMH)

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

FOREST GREEN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Beth Matthews

*Following the Children's moments, 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.*

MINISTRY MOMENT Commissioning Equador Mission Team

OFFERTORY

*Bound for the Promised Land*

Mack Wilberg

\*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*HYMN #381 (UMH)

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 6:9

HOMILY

No Time is Wasted

Rev. Becky Shirley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Invitation,*

*Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance of Pardon (UMH page 12)*

*The Great Thanksgiving*

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyfully thing,...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you ...And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray.

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Receiving The Bread and The Cup*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Tenemos Esperanza*  
Soloist: Pató Aravena

Homero Perera Baez

\*HYMN #261 (UMH)

*Lord of the Dance*

LORD OF THE DANCE

\*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

## 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:

- 1 - Please fill out the tear-off section of this bulletin and place in the offering plate during the service.
- 2- Pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter, "Connections", to learn about Sunday School classes, events and volunteer opportunities. Copies are available on the credenza just outside the sanctuary doors.

### **Sing with the Choir**

Come sing in the choir! This friendly group would love to have you part of us. During the summer months, our rehearsals are Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30. You will be provided with listening copies of the music

### **Ministry Events This Week**

**Today, June 1st - 12:30 PM - Christ Chapel**

#### **Training Volunteers to Serve Communion to Homebound Members**

Rev. Becky & Rev Alston will be training all who are interested in assisting them in extending the communion table to those whose health prevents them from attending worship services. If interested, be sure to join us.

**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - YoPro - Pizza & Game Night - 6 PM - Youth Room**

YoPro is a growing group of Young Professionals who get together for food and fellowship while growing in faith, making new friends and engaging in volunteer service. You don't have to be a member of WSUMC to participate. If you're between the ages of 25 and 45, you're invited! Contact Rev. Kathy James (kljames@umcsc.org) for more info. Childcare is available upon request.

### **Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events**

**Sunday, June 8th - Wednesday June 11th - SC Annual Conference**

Please be in prayer for the delegates who will be attending this year's annual conference in Greenville, SC. Delegates from WSUMC, in addition to our 3 clergy are: Charles Joye, Marcia Lane, Cody Lidge, Jay Parmley, Ben & Debra Schooler, Lynn Shirley, and Leland Spencer.

**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> - WELL - 11 AM - Chapel**

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. This is an especially welcoming service for persons living with dementia and their caregivers.

**Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Movie Discussion - Lady Bird**

Join us this summer as we discuss movies that deal with the complex relationships between parents and children. This group meets at 7:00 both in the Wesley room and Zoom. All are welcome!

**July 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> - Vacation Bible School - Road Trip**

Save the date for VBS Road Trip on the go with God. For children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.



## In Our Prayers

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

### 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:	Lizzy Chewning Shelley Stafford
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wiskes, Grant Jackson, and John Pannell
Ushers:	Hal Hanlin and Jay Parmley
Communion Servers:	Nancy Whittle, Jim Tuell, Ann Jessup, and David Anderson

#### Contact Information

Website:	wsmethodist.org
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Phone:	803-256-2417
Email:	info@wsmethodist.org
Office Hours:	Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm & Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Stewardship Report

**Attendance on 05/25: 333 (165 in person + 178 online as of 05/28)**

**YTD Offerings Received: \$304,468      YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$30,142**

**YTD Expenses: \$398,259      YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$33,135**

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

#### 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)

# Offertory Anthem.

*Bound for the Promised Land* (Mack Wilberg)

Scripture references: Joshua 3:7-17; Revelation 21-22; Hebrews 11:13; 1 Peter 1:4

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to  
Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie. There  
generous fruits that never fail on trees immortal grow; there  
rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow. I  
am bound for the promised land, oh, who will come and go with  
me? I am bound for the promised land. O the transporting  
rapturous scene that rises to my sight, sweet fields arrayed in  
living green and rivers of delight. When I shall reach that happy  
place, I'll be forever blest, for I shall see my Father's face, and in  
his bosom rest.

## Communion Music

Tenemos Esperanza (Homero Perera Baez)

Because he came into the world and history, because he broke  
the silence and the agony, because he filled the earth with his  
glory because he was light in our cold night. Because he was  
born in a dark manger, because he lived sowing love and life,  
because he opened up the hard hearts and lifted up the  
downcast souls. That's why we have hope today. That's why we  
fight tenaciously today. That's why today we look with confidence  
to the future of this land of mine. That's why we have hope today.  
That's why we fight tenaciously today. That's why today we look  
with confidence to the future. Because he attacked the  
ambitious merchants and denounced evil and hypocrisy,  
because he exalted the children, the women, and rejected those  
who burn with pride because he carried the cross of our  
suffering and tasted the bitterness of our ills because he  
accepted to suffer our condemnation and thus died for all  
mortals, because a dawn saw his great victory over death, the  
fear, the lies now nothing can stop his story, or the coming of his  
eternal Kingdom

## **Support REAL Background Checks**

Please mark your calendars to wear orange on Sunday, June 8. This is Moms Demand Action's yearly promotion to support gun safety. Disgusted with the amount of gun violence in our news? There will be a MOMs' Wear Orange table set up in the narthex before and after the 11 o'clock service on the 8th. Stop by, get your questions answered, and learn about efforts to close the Charleston Loophole so background checks can do their job. While there sign up for Mom's Demand Action's distribution list. Maybe be selected to receive a Wear Orange T-shirt and have your picture taken in it to aid in the promotion of Wear Orange Sunday

**Protect kids not guns!**

## **Mission Trip to Ecuador**

Washington Street United Methodist Church is in a Covenant Relationship with Sara Flores, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving in church development and community ministries in Ecuador, working with the Evangelical United Methodist Church of Ecuador. This partnership means we provide financial support and faithful prayers for Sara, her husband Dankin and the people they serve in Ecuador. Several members of Washington Street UMC also travel to Ecuador each Summer to assist Sara and Dankin in serving the needs of the people in their community. Once again the mission trip is being coordinated by Rev. Tom Wall, Making Wall and Pato Aravena. A total of 15 volunteers will join them this year on June 4-14. While there, they will assist with a medical clinic and a dental clinic, host a Vacation Bible school, distribute reading glasses, and help with the construction of a new church and community building. Please keep this mission in your prayers. Team members are: Melanie Dobson, Elijah Hughes, Kay Ayers Garren, John Pannell, Mary Edmonds, Gail Ward-Besser, Renee Lawson, Allyson Tjaarda, Debbie Miller, Caroline Rucker, Julius Stephens, Ron Neuberg, Robin Spires, Chip William, and Demi Garvin, Tom and Mackin Wall and Pato Aravena.

## **The Basics: An introduction to Christianity from a United Methodist perspective**

This class is for people who are new to Christianity, new to United Methodism, or anyone who wants to review the basics! We will meet this summer on a Friday night and Saturday, that will be scheduled around those who are interested in participating. If you are interested, email Kathy James at [kljames@umcsc.org](mailto:kljames@umcsc.org) or sign up at the table outside the sanctuary on May 25 or June 8.

### **Disciple Bible Study**

This 32-34 week study is a wonderful opportunity to grow deeper in your relationship with God as you study the Bible in Christian community. There are four Disciple Bible studies. The first one is required for participation in the remaining three, which can be studied in any order.

- Disciple Bible Study (34 weeks) covers 70% of the Bible and is the foundational course for Disciple.
- Disciple Two (32 weeks) covers Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts.
- Disciple Three (32 weeks) covers the Prophets and the Letters of Paul.
- Disciple Four (32 weeks) covers Old Testament Writings with special focus on the Psalms, and the Gospel of John, along with John's letters, and ending with Revelation.

If you are interested in hearing more about Disciple, including which ones will begin this Fall and when the study will meet, you can email Alston Lippert at [aflippert@umcsc.org](mailto:aflippert@umcsc.org) or sign up at the table outside the sanctuary beginning on May 25.

# Salkehatchie Summer Service

It's Salkehatchie Time!!

Volunteers from South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia will be traveling to the Penn Center camp in Beaufort, South Carolina from June 14 through June 21 for another week of Salkehatchie Summer Service. We will be working on six homes this year and have a total of 73 volunteers. We are so appreciative of the support we receive from Washington Street, and we ask that you pray for our homeowners and volunteers throughout the week.

Listed below are the awesome volunteers from Washington Street:

Jacob Schatz, Sam Schatz, Lilly Wilson, Micah Roth, McCullough Adams, Thompson Adams, Spencer Stevens, Dane Waund, Mark Catoe, Alston Lippert, Leslie Leitner, Maddy Foley, Marshall Robinson, Beth Robinson, Susan Caskey

## Donations Needed

The Social Justice Action Team will provide a cookout meal to homeless LGBTQ+ individuals on Thursday, June 12. The event will be hosted by Reformation Lutheran Church as part of their Safe Space Dinners.

The SJAT requests that the congregation bring individually wrapped snacks such as small packs of crackers, breakfast/protein bars, candy bars, and small bags of chips/popcorn that we can put in gift bags for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth. We need these by Sunday, June 8 to be given out at the dinner on June 12.

Contact Jim Lane ([jlane@columbiasc.edu](mailto:jlane@columbiasc.edu)) or Nancy Whittle ([ncwhittle@aol.com](mailto:ncwhittle@aol.com)) with any questions.

