



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



May 18, 2025

When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.”

He asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” He replied, “Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don’t want to go.” He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.”

John 21:15-19

Order of Worship

5th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Surely the Presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jacob Schatz

*HYMN #580 (UMH)

Lead on, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lilly Wilson

ANTHEM

Bornng Cry

John Ylvisaker

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:15-19

Rev. Alston Lippert

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mary Lide

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.

OFFERTORY

What Was I Made For?
Soloist: Emily Schlegel

Billie Eilish

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

MEINEKE

*HYMN #454 (UMH)

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

SERMON

Who am I?

Rev. Becky Shirley

SPECIAL PRESENTATION .

RITUAL OF CONFIRMATION

*HYMN #593 (UMH)

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM LORD

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be in My Head*

*POSTLUDE

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

* = Please stand as you are able

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.

Cookies and Punch after the Service Today!

Join us for a cookie and punch reception in the Wesley room to celebrate this special day with our confirmands, Jacob Schatz and Lilly Wilson and spend time greeting other worshippers after the service today.

Ministry Events This Week

Monday, May 19 - 7:00 PM - Movie Discussion - Origin

All are welcome to this discussion of how the characters in this movie overcome perceptions. Meet in the Wesley room or join via ZOOM. Email Rev. Alston Lippert at alflippert@umcsc.org to register & get ZOOM link

Tuesday, May 20 - 5:30 PM - Social Justice Action Team

Interested in advocacy and justice ministries? Our Social Justice Action Team is open to all who wish to join us as we pray, discuss and plan for faithful actions in response to various forms of injustice, oppression, violence and inequities in the world today. The team meets monthly via ZOOM. Contact Nancy Whittle (ncwhittle@aol.com) or Jim Lane (jlane@columbiasc.edu) for more info and ZOOM link.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Thursday, June 5th - 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.

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.

June 14- 21 - Youth Mission Trip - Salkehatchie Summer Service

Please remember in prayer the youth and adults who will be serving at the Salkehatchie Summer Service's Penn Center camp this year. We will have a "sending forth" **commissioning for them on Sunday, June 8th** during the morning service of worship.

July 21st - 24th - Vacation Bible School - Road Trip

Save the date for VBS Road Trip on the go with God. For children ages 4 through 5th grade. For details, contact Rev. Kathy (kljames@umcsc.org).

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Nancy Epting	Robin Johnson	Sharon McCullough
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		

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:	Lucy Woods
Children's Church:	McCullough Adams Hayden Rowe
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Lynn Shirley John Pannell
Ushers:	Robbie Douglas Lanneau Lide

Contact Information

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 05/15: 309 (183 in person + 126 online as of 05/11)

YTD Offerings Received: \$288,369

YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$21,717

YTD Expenses: \$364,747

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YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$0

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)

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 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 or sign up at the table outside the sanctuary beginning on May 25.

Communion for the Homebound

"Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him..." These words mean so much to many, who are no longer able to physically attend church. Recognizing the reality that these homebound members are unable to come to church, we are inviting you to help us take the church to them.

One way of taking church to the homebound is through volunteer visitors and Communion stewards who deliver both the sacrament and a sense of community to those who are confined to their homes.

Of course, our clergy have been and will continue to also share the sacrament with persons who are unable to attend worship services in person, but we recognize that our homebound and hospitalized members also miss friends and the fellowship of other church members. By receiving visits and Communion from volunteers who visit their homes, or hospital or nursing home rooms, the homebound church members develop new friendships and make meaningful connections. Bringing the sacrament and different members of our WSUMC community together is part of what makes Communion Holy. This is why our United Methodist Book of Worship provides a special liturgy for laity to use in assisting the pastors in the sharing of bread and cup with those who are unwillingly absent.

We will hold an **information and training session on Sunday, June 1 at 12:30 - 1:30 in the Chapel**. We'll share with you everything you need to know including instructions on how this ministry will be organized and encouragement. If this sounds like something God may be calling you to do or you would like to learn more about how this ministry will be organized, email Rev Becky (rjshirley@umcsc.org).

ARMS ARE FOR HUGGING

Please mark your calendars to wear orange on Sunday, June 8.

This is Moms Demand Action's yearly promotion to support gun safety. Washington Streeters are eager for information on how they can make a difference in gun safety and gun legislation. BeSmart, the protection arm of Moms, will have an info table set up in the narthex before and after the 11 o'clock service on the 8th. Stop by and learn more. While there, sign up for Mom's Demand Action and Everytown and possibly win a Wear Orange T-shirt.

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.

Anthem Text

Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell. When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Scripture reference: Psalm 139 and Jeremiah 4:31

Volunteers 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 is looking for two WSers, with a servant heart, who would like to donate their time and their grilling expertise to grill hotdogs & hamburgers from 5-6:15 pm that evening at Reformation Lutheran (parking lot), 1118 Union Street downtown. Contact Jim Lane (jlane@columbiasc.edu) or Nancy Whittle (ncwhittle@aol.com)

