



# WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



July 27, 2025

“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

# Order of Worship

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Spirit of the Living God*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lee Smith

\*HYMN #191 (UMH) *Jesus Loves Me*

JESUS LOVES ME

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 (UMH)

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UMH)

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ANTHEM *Come to the Water* Foley/arr. Lynda Hasseler

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing; let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord; without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ann Jessup and Haydon Uzelac

*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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY MOMENT

Disciple Bible Study

Video Testimony

OFFERTORY

*Grace*  
Soloist: Jenna Barrett

Laura Story

\*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

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\*HYMN #189 (UMH) *Fairest Lord Jesus*

ST. ELIZABETH

SCRIPTURE LESSON Joshua 1:9

SERMON

"Leading the Way"

Rev. Kathy James

\*HYMN #163 (UMH) *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

HENDON

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

\*BENEDICTION

\*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. Copies are available just outside the Sanctuary doors.

## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Arletta Mae Raley by her family. Washington Street is grateful for Arletta's legacy of more than 30 years of service as Director of Music. Among her creative contributions are the "Arts at Washington Street" programs and the annual "Sing-Along Messiah," a gift to the community which she founded 23 years ago. Arletta's memorial service, held on July 26, can be viewed on the church's YouTube channel.

## Ministry Events This Week

### Sign-up for Disciple Bible Study ends today!

#### July 28th - 7 PM - Movie Discussion - On Golden Pond

Join us this summer as we discuss movies that deal with the complex relationships between parents and children. This group meets in the Wesley room and via ZOOM. Email [aflippert@umcsc.org](mailto:aflippert@umcsc.org) for ZOOM link.

#### Saturday, August 2 -WS Inclusive Theatre Company of South Carolina - 11:00 am - 12:15 pm - 2nd floor.

Have you ever considered being part of an inclusive theatre company? Well, this fun opportunity is right at your fingertips! Please join us as we host an orientation for folks interested in learning more about our work at Washington Street's ITCSC. This is for anyone interested in being part of our company including mentors, actors, and production crew members. No previous experience is necessary. Just show up! Productions this year include the original play, Aesop's Singing Friends, Willy Wonka Kids, and an original musical, Struggle Bus, based on the book Dream Changer by Jamila Phillips. For more information, visit our website at [inclusivetheatrecosc.com](http://inclusivetheatrecosc.com) or email Larry Hembree, Artistic Director, at [larryhembree1@gmail.com](mailto:larryhembree1@gmail.com).

## Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

### Disciple Bible Studies Start the week of August 10

Join us as we grow closer to God and each other through these small group studies. Sign up in the Narthex or use the QR code

Disciple 1 - Tuesdays @ 3:00 to 5:30 pm with Rev. Kathy

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Disciple 3 -Sundays @ 5:00 to 7:30 pm with Rev. Alston



### 6th - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth - August 17 Planning Session

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to meet with Rev. Kathy to share ideas and help plan youth events for the 2025-26 school year. Be on the lookout for details about meeting time and place.

## In Our Prayers

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

### 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:	Rosemary Aravena
Children's Church:	Lizzie Chewning Hayden Rowe
Greeter:	Velma and Alex Christian
Sound/Video/Projection:	John Pannell
Ushers:	Robbie Douglas James Boulware

#### Contact Information

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### Stewardship Report

**Attendance on 07/20: 293 (161 in person + 132 online as of 07/24)**

**YTD Offerings Received: \$411,338      YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$36,993**

**YTD Expenses: \$528,980      YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$44,276**

**YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,261**

#### Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Becky Shirley	rjshirley@umcsc.org
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