



WASHINGTON
STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



July 13, 2025

"A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to
dance."

Ecclesiastes 3:4

Order of Worship

5th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Jenkins

*HYMN #57 (UMH) *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 (UHM)

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UHM)

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ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so whoever believes in him will have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY MOMENT

Disciple Bible Studies

OFFERTORY

Come to Jesus
Soloist: Cody Lidge

Chris Rice

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

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*HYMN #2042 (TFWS) *How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*

MERLE'S TUNE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:4

SERMON

Laughter is Good Medicine

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #261(UMH)

Lord of the Dance

LORD OF THE DANCE

*BENEDICTION

*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 the family and friends of Arletta Raley, who died on July 10, 2025.

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.

Ministry Events This Week

Today, After the Service - Sundaes for Security - Threath Hall

AARP SC focused on educating communities about the value of Social Security while celebrating its upcoming 90th anniversary. AARP is nonpartisan, and staff will be available to provide educational information and awareness about Social Security.

Thursday, July 17th - The Well - 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, a brief "Jesus story," and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

July 20th - Safe Sanctuary Training - 3 PM - Wesley Room

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

On the Go with God! Vacation Bible School will be July 21-24 from 9 am to noon for children aged 4 through 5th grade. Youth may serve as helpers. Join Scout the Pup and bring your friends as we learn together that God is with us wherever we go! Registration forms will be available outside the sanctuary beginning Sunday, June 15. Scan the QR code to check out our VBS website, to register online and get a sneak peek.



July 25th and 26th - The Basics - Wesley Room

Need a breakdown of everything United Methodist? Join us July 25th from 6 pm - 8 pm and July 26th from 10 am - 4 pm. Contact Rev. Kathy for more info. (kljames@umcsc.org)

July 28th - 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 aflipper@umcsc.org for ZOOM link.

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



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

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:	Beatrice McGandy
Children's Church:	Jordyn Hughes Sofia Bourne
Greeter:	Shelley Stafford Jim Lane
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wiskes John Pannell
Ushers:	Lisa and Vickie Voegeli

Contact Information

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 07/06: 313 (156 in person + 157 online as of 07/09)

YTD Offerings Received: \$376,860 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$35,993

YTD Expenses: \$463,839 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$40,363

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,261

Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Becky Shirley	rjshirley@umcsc.org
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Pianist:	Dr. Rick Frierson	(volunteer)