



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Growing Together



Cultivating Spiritual Fruit

August 17, 2025

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

I say be guided by the Spirit and you won’t carry out your selfish desires. A person’s selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one’s selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn’t do whatever you want to do. But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren’t under the Law. The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won’t inherit God’s kingdom

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ[a] have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Order of Worship

10th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leland Spencer

*HYMN #101 (UMH)

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

DUKE STREET

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 (UMH)

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

ANTHEM

Shout to the Lord

arr. Tom Fettke

Soloist: Pato Aravena

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of rescue and strength - let every breath all that I have ever seek to worship you! Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing! Power and majesty praise to the King! Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name! I sing for joy at the work of your hands. Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you!

(Scripture reference: Psalm 66, including many other Psalms that express praise with the word "shout")

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

Rev. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY MOMENT

Third Grade Bible Presentation

OFFERTORY

Savior Came, When I Was Needy

Sandy Patti

Soloist: Cody Lidge

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #599 (UMH)

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 5: 13-25

SERMON

The Garden of Our Lives

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #598 (UMH)

O Word of God Incarnate

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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 Carl Evan's, who died on August 12, 2025.

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. Copies are available just outside the Sanctuary doors.

Donations! The soup cellar needs donations of snack food! Things like cookies, snack cakes, candy, and such. They can be dropped off during office hours, Monday-Friday, or on Sunday when you come to the service.

Ministry Events This Week

Today - Youth (6th - 12th Graders) Meet for Lunch

Youth in grades 6-12 will gather in the Wesley Room after worship. We will walk to a local restaurant for lunch and then return to the youth room to share ideas and begin planning youth events for the school year.

Thursday, August 21st - 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. This is an especially welcoming service for persons living with dementia and their caregivers.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

August 25th - 7 PM - Movie Discussion - Finding Nemo

Watch the movie on your own and join us as we discuss how the movie deals with the complex relationships between parents and children. This group meets in the Wesley room and via ZOOM. For the ZOOM link, Email Rev. Alston Lippert (aflippert@umcsc.org).

Sunday, September 7th - 4:00-5:30 - Mary's Maidens

Mary's Maidens will begin a new year of service opportunities. Girls in first thru fifth grades are encouraged to join us each month to serve others. Leaders are Mary Lide and Kathy Wright. For more information, contact Mary Lide at neaudl@aol.com. (meeting place to be announced).

Sunday, September 7th - Potluck and Small Group Sign-up

Get ready for some great food and fun conversations at this annual event! We'll provide fried chicken and beverages, you bring your best crowd pleasing dish or whatever you have on hand to share. We'll meet in Threatt Hall immediately after the worship service. We'll have information about all of our small groups. Leaders will be available to answer questions and you'll be able to sign up to participate. **Please contact Mary Lide if you can help with set up or clean up (neaudl@aol.com).** We need 2-3 people to receive food (9:30-10), 2 people to receive food, cut and put desserts out, and make tea (10-10:55); 5-6 people to put food on the serving tables, and prepare drinks (11:30-12); we also need several people to help clean (1:00).

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Mickey Epting	Lisa Johnson	Sharon McCullough
Ron Bowden	Nancy Epting	Sam Mathews	Ellen Parker
Martha Boynton	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:	Rosemary Aravena
Children's Church:	Melanie Dobson
	Kay Ayers Garren
Greeter:	
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spencer Stevens
	John Pannell
Ushers:	Garry Stevens
	Hal Hanlin

Contact Information

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 08/10: 376 (151 in person + 219 online as of 08/13)

YTD Offerings Received: \$460,740 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$38,582

YTD Expenses: \$573,868 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$48,344

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,261

Worship Leadership Team

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