



# WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**August 10, 2025**

Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.

By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going.

By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore. All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—he has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-13

# Order of Worship

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Surely the Presence*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Demi Garvin

\*HYMN #257 (UMH) *We Meet You, O Christ*

STANLEY BEACH

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 (UMH)

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

SLIDE PRESENTATION *The Spark of Creation*  
Solo: Taylor Goodwin  
Video by Renee Laysome

Stephen Schwartz

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lilly Wilson and Elijah Hughes

*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.*

CONGRGATIONAL PRAYER

Chip Williams

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls* Z. Randall Stroope  
*The concept of dwelling in Solomon's walls highlights the idea of God's presence being both manifested in a specific place (the Temple) and also transcending physical limitations, ultimately dwelling in the hearts of believers.*  
*Scripture reference: 2 Chronicles 2-9*

\*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*HYMN #2241 (TFWS) *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

LAND OF REST

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-13

SERMON

We Have Hope

Rev. Dr. Melanie Dobson

*Tenemos Esperanza*  
Lead by: Pato Aravena

Federico José Pagura

\*HYMN #356 (UMH)

*Pues Si Vivimos*

SOMOS DEL SENOR

\*BENEDICTION

Solo: Pato Aravena

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

## **Bible presentation to 3rd graders**

We are presenting Bibles to all of our 3rd graders during worship on August 17th. To be sure we have your child's or grandchild's name, please contact Rev. Kathy James.(kljames@umcsv.org).

## **Ministry Events This Week**

### **Disciple Bible Studies Begin**

Disciple 3-Sunday, 8/10 @ 5:00-7:30 PM -John Harper Room

Disciple 1 - Tuesday, 8/12 @ 3:00 - 5:30 PM -Wesley Room

Disciple 1 - Tuesday, 8/12 @ 6:00 - 8:30 PM -Aldersgate Classroom,

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

### **Sunday, August 17th - Youth (6th - 12th Graders) Meet for Lunch**

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

### **Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> - 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.

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

Watch the movie on your own and join us as we discuss how the movie dealt 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 7<sup>th</sup> - 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 he serving tables, and prepare drinks (11:30-12) and several to help clean (1:00).

## In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Nancy Epting	Lisa 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			

### 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  
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#### Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Lucy Woods
Children's Church:	Kelly Grove
	Eleanore Langley
Greeter:	Jim Lane
	Cindy Cox
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spencer Stevens
Ushers:	Kelly and Joe Epting

#### Contact Information

Website:	wsmethodist.org
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### Stewardship Report

**Attendance on 08/03: 277 (11 in person + 96 online as of 08/06)**

**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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