



# WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## Cultivating Spiritual Fruit

September 7, 2025

Keep loving each other like family. Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. Remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them, and people who are mistreated as if you were in their place. Marriage must be honored in every respect, with no cheating on the relationship, because God will judge the sexually immoral person and the person who commits adultery. Your way of life should be free from the love of money, and you should be content with what you have. After all, he has said, I will never leave you or abandon you. This is why we can confidently say,

The Lord is my helper,  
and I won't be afraid.

What can people do to me?

Remember your leaders who spoke God's word to you. Imitate their faith as you consider the way their lives turned out. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

So let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise through him, which is the fruit from our lips that confess his name. Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

# Order of Worship

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Many Gifts, One Spirit*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alma Louise Aravena

\*HYMN #114 (UMH) *Many Gifts, One Spirit*

KATHERINE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Melanie Dobson

*Following the Children's moments, 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.*

MIMISTRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY

*Lord, Here Am I*

John Ness Beck

*Master, thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me and I'll find my way. Teach me the mission appointed for me—what is my labor and where it shall be. Master, thou callest and this I reply: "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I!" Willing my Savior to take up the cross, willing to suffer reproaches and loss. Willing to follow if thou wilt be lead; only support me with grace in my need. Living or dying, I still would be thine, yet I am mortal and thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light. Master, thou callest and this I reply: "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."*

*Scripture text: Isaiah 6:8*

\*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*HYMN #616 (UMH) *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

HURSLEY

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

HOMILY "Human Becomings"

Rev. Becky Shirley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation.

Prayer of Confession.

Words of Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (To be sung)

Receiving The Bread and The Cup

Rev. Becky Shirley

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Rev. Alston Lippert

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COMMUNION HYMNS

*Deep River*

arr. Norman Luboff

Soloist: Malcolm Lemons with Sanctuary Choir

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Theodore Dubois

\*HYMN #629 (UMH) *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

\*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

### Join us Today for Lunch & Small Group Sign-ups!

Everyone is invited to Threatt Hall for a Potluck luncheon after the service today. Small group leaders will be sitting at sign up tables located throughout the main hallway today ready to answer questions and share information about a variety of small group opportunities.

## Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

**WELCOME!** We are grateful you are here to worship with us! We are an open community of Christians helping people find and give hope through Jesus Christ - regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, disability or socioeconomic background. No matter who you are, where you are from, who you love or what you look like, know that God loves you and YOU BELONG HERE. Please take a moment to help us get to know you by completing the blue tear-off section of this bulletin and placing it in the offering plate during the service.

### **Don't forget, Your Epworth Work Day Offering Next Sunday.**

For 128 years, Epworth Children's Home has provided care to young children and teenagers in need of help. Originally established as an orphanage, the home is now a source of assistance to those ages 4 through 18 who, through abuse, neglect or a difficult family situation, are in need of a safe haven. The Work Day offering is our opportunity to partner with Epworth to improve the lives of the children and families they serve. For more information about Epworth, visit online at [www.epworthsc.org](http://www.epworthsc.org).

**Donations Needed:** The soup cellar needs donations of snack food and #10 cans. 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, 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](mailto:neaudl@aol.com). (meeting place to be announce.)

#### **Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - Reading Club - 6- 7 PM**

Join us to discuss *State of The Heart* volume 2, edited by Aida Rogers foreword by Marjory Wentworth. For more info, contact Andrea McAtee at [acmcaatee21@gmail.com](mailto:acmcaatee21@gmail.com)

#### **Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> - YoPro - Game Night - 6 PM - Youth Room**

YO PRO is a group of young professionals (mid 20s -mid 40s), some single, some married, who gather monthly for fun and fellowship. The group meets in the youth room on the 3rd floor. Pizza and childcare provided. Contact Rev. Kathy ([kljames@umcsc.org](mailto:kljames@umcsc.org)) for more info.

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

#### **Service of Dedication of the Bricks in Christ Chapel Courtyard Sunday, September 14th at 12:15**

Next Sunday immediately after the worship service everyone is invited to join the Christ Chapel Courtyard committee members in the courtyard for a brief dedication service followed by a cookie and punch reception.

#### **September 20<sup>th</sup> - Sole Mates - 9 AM - Saluda Riverwalk**

Come join us for monthly group walks! All walking paces are welcome. Contact Sara Wilcox for more info ([wilcox@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:wilcox@mailbox.sc.edu))

## In Our Prayers

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

### 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:	Sophie Farthing Kelly Grove
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wiskes
Ushers:	Lee Smith and Hal Hanlin
Communion Servers:	Tommy Betenbaugh, Sam Waldrep, Nancy Whittle, and Kathy Wright

#### Contact Information

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### Stewardship Report

**Attendance on 09/03: 259 ( 119 in person + 140 online as of 08/31)**

**YTD Offerings Received: \$501,080      YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$44,592**

**YTD Expenses: \$642,230      YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$56,684**

**YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,461**

#### Staff Worship Leadership Team

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