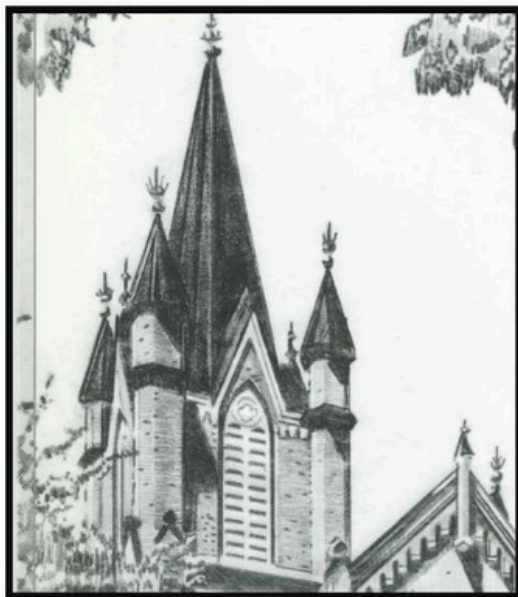




# WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**September 21, 2025**

Listen to this, you who rob the poor  
and trample down the needy!  
You can't wait for the Sabbath day to be over  
and the religious festivals to end  
so you can get back to cheating the helpless.  
You measure out grain with dishonest measures  
and cheat the buyer with dishonest scales.  
And you mix the grain you sell  
with chaff swept from the floor.  
Then you enslave poor people  
for a debt of one piece of silver or a pair of sandals.  
Now the Lord has sworn this oath  
by his own name, the Pride of Israel:  
"I will never forget  
the wicked things you have done!"

# Order of Worship

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Alston Lippert

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Berry

\*HYMN #539 (UMH)

*O Spirit of the Living God*

FOREST GREEN

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 (UMH)

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

ANTHEM

*The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee*

Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon Thee; and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

(Scripture reference Psalm 145:15-16)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dane Waund and Alma Louise Aravena

*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

OFFERTORY

*This is My Father's World*  
Soloist: Bob Evans

arr. Paul Jones

\*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*HYMN #209 (UMH)

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

MERLE'S TUNE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Amos 8:4-7 NLT

SERMON

Rev. Alston Lippert

\*HYMN #428 (UMH)

*For the Healing of the Nations*

CWM RHONDA

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## 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.

**Interested in Membership?** If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of Washington Street UMC, please contact Rev. Becky (rjshirley@umcsc.org) to schedule a time to meet with her.

**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

#### **Monday, September 22nd - Movie Discussion- Chariots of Fire - 7 PM**

This Fall we will watch sports movies and discuss themes of perseverance, teamwork, and overcoming obstacles. Discussions are held in person in the Wesley Room and online via Zoom. To get the link, email Rev. Alston at [aflipert@umcsc.org](mailto:aflipert@umcsc.org)

### Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group - 4 PM to 6 PM - Youth Room**  
Movie Night

**Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Yo Pro - 6 PM - Pride Service and Dinner**  
Pride worship service at Shandon Presbyterian Church, and then eat dinner together. We will meet at the church, but if you prefer to carpool, contact Kathy James at [kljames@umcsc.org](mailto:kljames@umcsc.org).

**Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pride Service - 6 PM - Shandon Presbyterian Church**

**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pride Parade - 7 PM - Main Street**

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - Pride Festival - 12 PM - Main Street**

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - Sole Mates - 9:45 AM - Walk to End Alzheimer's**

Contact Sara Wilcox for more info ([wilcox@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:wilcox@mailbox.sc.edu))

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - Mary's Maidens - 4 PM - Theartt Hall**

**Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> - Reading Club - 6 PM - Open Door Classroom**

In honor of Banned Book Month, we are reading "Nineteen Minutes " by Jodi Picoult, which tops a recent list of books that have been banned in school libraries. Please join us as we consider this text and engage in a broader conversation about banned books.

## In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Nancy Epting	Sam Mathews	Ellen Parker
Martha Boynton	Pat Griffin	Paul McClanahan	Joe Plough
Jerry Bundy	Karen Horne	Patrick McClanahan	Joe Slade
Truman Duggin	Lisa Johnson	Sharon McCullough	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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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:	Lucy Woods
Children's Church:	Sarah Munoz Kelly Grove
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wiskes Spencer Stevens
Ushers:	Lee Smith Charles Garren

#### Contact Information

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### Stewardship Report

**Attendance on 09/17: 308 (195 in person + 113 online as of 09/14)**

**YTD Offerings Received: \$529,241      YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$45,567**

**YTD Expenses: \$693,197      YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$58,044**

**YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$16,611**

#### Worship Leadership Team

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