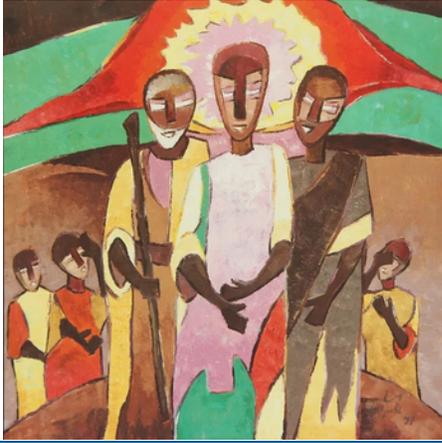




WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 15, 2026



Augustin Kolawole Olayinka: The Transfiguration of Jesus (1997).

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.

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Lord, it’s good that we’re here. If you want, I’ll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!” Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead.”

Order of Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *O For a Thousand Tongue to Sing*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sara Wilcox

*HYMN #533 (UMH)

We Shall Overcome

MARTIN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 (UMH) *The Apostles' Creed*

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

ANTHEM

The Word Was God

Rosaphanye Powell

This anthem text is directly derived from Scripture: John 1:1-3. It was composed in 1996 and blends European musical elements with strong syncopated rhythms and modalities associated with African American sacred musical traditions.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mary Lide

Following the Children's Moment, 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 parents.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Mercy
Soloist: Taylor Goodwin

Terrell Grice

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #655 (UMH)

Fix Me, Jesus

FIX ME JESUS

Malcolm sings the leader part, and the congregation sings "All."

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

No Longer A Stranger

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #99 (UMH)

My Tribute

MY TRIBUTE

Taylor will sing the intro, then the congregation will sing #99 as a response.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

Feb. 17th - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 6 PM

This Shrove Tuesday, the Young Professionals are hosting a Pancake Dinner in partnership with the Washington Street Youth Group! Come enjoy a good ol' fashion breakfast for dinner in Threatt Hall before the beginning of Lent the following day.

Feb. 18th - Ash Wednesday Service and Lenten Lunch

Join us this Ash Wednesday to commemorate the beginning of Lent. At 11:45 there will be a \$10 lunch in Threatt Hall of a soup, sandwich and dessert. Then at 12:30 there will be a worship service in Christ Chapel.

Feb. 19th - The WELL Service

Join us and invite family and friends to come with you to this special monthly service. We gather at 11:00am for 30 minutes of worship in Christ 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.

Feb. 19th - Postcard Writing "Party" - Immigration

Join us in Meeting Room A at the Richland County Library from 10am to 12pm where we will be writing letters to our legislators regarding immigration.

Have you run out of your Equal Exchange chocolates, or didn't get any? You are in luck! Mary's Maidens has some chocolate bars left to sell **TODAY**. See Mary Lide outside the office if you would like to support Mary's Maidens service projects.

In celebration of Black History Month

The Washington Street United Methodist Church choir is offering music by Black composers as an act of Christian love, truth-telling, and worship. This music honors the faith, perseverance, and theological depth of the Black Christian experience, which has profoundly shaped sacred music and strengthened the global church. Rooted in the Methodist call to social holiness, this focus invites us to engage history honestly and seek reconciliation through faithful action. **As we worship together, we affirm that unity in Christ is enriched—not diminished—by the diverse voices of God's people.**

First Year Teacher's Closet

Active Faith is again sponsoring the First Year Teachers' Closet in the month of February. Please bring your gently used clothing items to the closet in Threatt Hall closest to the courtyard.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Feb. 23rd - Movie Discussion - 7 PM in the Wesley Room or ZOOM

This month our Movie Discussion group will be discussing the 2019 film *Blinded by the Light* and its relevance to the world at large. Those interested may contact Rev. Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org.

Feb. 25th - Lenten Service and Lunch

Join us for a lunch of soup, sandwiches, and dessert. Followed by a 30 minute service. Lunch 11:45am - 12:25pm and service 12:30pm.

Feb. 28th - Sole Mates - Downtown Walk

Join us for our next walk and get to know some fellow Washington Streeters a bit better! We will meet in the WSUMC parking lot at 10:30am. We will stop along the way at COLA Gathers for lunch.

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell
Blake Burnside
Nancy Epting
Sarah- Kate Gravely
Karen Horne

Lisa Johnson
Jean Leitner
Sam Mathews
Lena McClain

Paul McClanahan
Patrick McClanahan
Ellen Parker
Joe Plough

Cathy Puckett
Joe Slade
Nancy Whittle
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.

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Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte: Lydia Fink
Children's Church: Melanie Dobson
Lizzie Chewning
Greeter: Shelley Stafford
Sound/Video/Projection: John Pannell
Spencer Stevens
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& Fridays 9:00-am- 2:00 pm

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 02/08: 400 (184 in person + 216 online as of 02/12)

YTD Offerings Received: \$108,886 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$4,970

YTD Expenses: \$110,325

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YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$4,303.00

Staff Worship Leadership Team

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