



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 21, 2026

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.

Whether you are visiting with us or looking for a church home, it's great to have you here with us! Please scan the QR code to let us know you are worshipping with us today and let us know how we can help you.



HAPPY
Father's
DAY

While some men may never have children of their own, they provide guidance to children and youth as scoutmasters, sponsors of youth organizations, big brothers in Big Brothers-Big Sisters, school mentors, or a score of other ways.

Recognizing this truth, we join with The General Commission on United Methodist Men in urging communities to celebrate all men and to consider that Fathers' Day may be the perfect time to do so.

Thank you to all the men who live by faith, serve others, and show us God's love!

New Here?

We have many children's ministries for your kids to be a part of!

We have special listening devices for those who are hearing impaired.

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

For more information, visit our website at wsmethodist.org

No one at Washington Street will EVER solicit you for gift cards of any kind!



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.

Today's Scriptures:

Psalm 68:4-6

Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—
his name is the Lord.
A father to the fatherless,
a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.
God sets the lonely in families,
and leads out the prisoners with
singing;
but the rebellious live in a
sun-scorched land.

Order of Worship
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lee Smith

Leader: On this day, we come with gratitude and with tenderness.

All: We come to worship the God who knows our joys, our wounds, our hopes, and our grief.

Leader: For fathers and father-figures who have loved well, we give thanks.

All: For their strength, their patience, their protection, and their tenderness, we bless God.

Leader: For those who carry aching memories, complicated stories, or unanswered prayers, we make room.

All: And we ask God to hold what is tender in us and heal what is broken.

Leader: For those who longed for a father's love and did not receive it,

All: We pray for God to be revealed to them as the Father of the fatherless and the healer of the wounded.

Leader: For men who model generosity, integrity, courage, gentleness, and faithfulness,

All: we give thanks for every glimpse of God's heart reflected in them.

Leader: For all who are raising children, mentoring young people, or offering steady love in ordinary ways,

All: We pray they'll be continually strengthened by God's Spirit and surrounded with grace.

Leader: Let us worship the God who adopts us, welcomes us, and calls us beloved.

All: Let us praise God, with gratitude, honesty, and hope. Amen.

*HYMN #188 (UMH) *Christ is the World's Light* CHRISTE SANCTORUM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883

The Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

The text for this hymn may be found in #451 in the UMH.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

McCullough Adams

Following the Children's moments, children older than 5 should return to their seats in the congregation. Children ages 3-5 will be escorted by a Children's Church leader to Children's Church, which is located in the 2-3 year-old Sunday school room.

Please pick up the children from that room at the conclusion of the service of worship.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *My Good Lord's Done Been Here* arr. Moses Hogan
Soloist: Malcolm Lemons

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN#358 (UMH) *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* REST

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 68:4-6

SERMON A Father to the Fatherless Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #338 (UMH) *Where He Leads Me* NORRIS

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing

* = Please stand as you are able

Prayer List

If you would like for us to join you in prayer, please find a prayer card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate during the service today. You may also email your prayer requests to wsumcprayers@gmail.com

Ann Bell	Rob Graybill
Sarah- Kate Gravely	Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson	Charles Joye
Jim Lane	Jean Leitner
Sam Matthews	Patrick McClanahan
Paul McClanahan	Carole McConkey
Cathy Puckett	Nancy Whittle
Barbara Graybill	

Our Homebound Members

Prayer Thought

Lord, help us to grow in patience and understanding allowing growth to bloom in our lives.

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 6/14: 422
182 in person
240 online (as of 6/18)

Offerings

YTD Received: \$376,073
YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$28,121

Expenses

YTD General: \$452,363 YTD
Soup Cellar : \$29,383

Foundation

FYTD Gifts: \$6,153.75

Thank you for your

Financial Support

Your gifts help make
ministry happen every day!

You may give by texting
CONNECTIONS to 73256,
mailing your gift to 1401

Washington Street or by scanning
the QR you see here.



Calendar of Ministry Events

Vacation Bible School

VBS 2026 will be held from July 20th to the 23rd! Sign up your kids ages 4 through 5th grade by scanning the QR code!



Speial Thanks

Thank you to the congregation for making monetary donations and donating snacks for the gift bags for the Safe Space Dinner on June 11th, 2026. The dinner is coordinated by Reformation Lutheran Church and provides a meal and fun activity for homeless LGBTQ+ youth and young adults twice a month. The Social Justice Action team hosted the dinner on the 11th. Your help and donations made it special for those attending. We collected so many snacks that we were able to donate about half of what was collected to the Soup Cellar. A special thanks goes out to all those who helped the night of the dinner: Melanie and Jim Andreen, Karen Basso, Ann and Harvey Jessup, Cody Lige, Robert Langham, Katie Wilson, Lilly Wilson, Grace and Frazier Swindler, Rev. Alston and Rev. Becky.

Empty Jar Donations

If you have 8-ounce canning jars you are not planning to use, please donate the jars to United Women in Faith. The empty jars will be filled with jam which can be purchased at the UWF bake sale in the fall. Jars may be left in the church kitchen. Please label UWF.

Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Lydia Fink
Children's Church:	McCullough Adams Kay Ayer's Garren
Greeters:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wiskes Spencer Stevens
Ushers:	Charles Garren and Bob Lane

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Safe Space



We are committed to providing a safe, healing and affirming environment for All of God's Children to grow in Faith.

Staff Worship Leadership Team

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