



Living a Stellar Life

Part IV — "When We Are Sad"

July 23, 2023



**WASHINGTON
STREET**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The congregation of Washington Street UMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways that reach our 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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8th Sunday after Pentecost | July 23, 2023 | Green

(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices.

Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.)

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to this time of worship, reorienting our focus on the One who loves us always.

All: We come to also learn how we can see Jesus' light when we are sad and feel alone.

One: Let us look at the story, the experiences, the struggles, and the victories of those who have gone before us, and be led by the Spirit's power to see and to shine with Jesus' light at all times.

All: As disciples of Jesus, we want to walk as children of the light no matter what life brings our way.

One: So, let us open our hearts and our minds to hear God's word to us as we lift our prayers, and our praise, trusting that God is with us always.

All: Amen.

*HYMN #534

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

Words: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10)

Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

*GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Susan Caskey

(After Children's Moments, children 5 and under may go with the class leader to the 2-3's classroom located on the first floor past the elevator on the left. They may be picked up there, or they will be escorted back to the sanctuary prior to the benediction.)

ANTHEM

Up to the Hills I Lift My Eyes

Normand Gouin

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Lord of All Hopefulness
Soprano Soloist: Anna Swearingen

arr. Alan Bullard

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*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100th

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*HYMN #375

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Words: Afro-American spiritual (Jer. 8:22)

BALM IN GILEAD

Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:1

SERMON

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Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #98

To God Be the Glory
Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875
Music: William H. Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS UMH #43

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

**Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.
When our worship ends, our service begins!*



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PRAYER THOUGHT

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you know.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	Betsy Halloren	Lin Fesperman Lord	Genie & Ron Quinn
Karen Basso	Rev. Paul Harmon	Beverly McClanahan	Nancy Williams
Martha Boynton	Karen Horne	Paul McClanahan	Our homebound
David Byrum	Lisa Johnson	Sharon McCullough	
Mickey Epting	Jean Kanes	David Middleton	
Pat Griffin	Martha Helen King	Shawn Powers	

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our new members, Mike and Allison Bertram who come to WSUMC from Union Methodist Church in Irmo.

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Ushers	Lee Smith, Alan-Jon Zupan
Greeters	Thom Berry, Heidi Ankeny
Children's Moments	Susan Caskey
Sound/Video Production	Grant Jackson, Lynn Shirley Suzanne Joye
Visitor Cards	Jammie Watters
Pew Maintenance	Tracy Powers, Shelley Stafford
Children's Church	Olivia Rowland, McKenzie Powers
Nursery	Ed McClain
Online Moderator	

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 7-20-23

General Budget: \$866,231

Church	\$373,344
Soup Cellar	\$42,148
Foundation	\$14,619

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on July 16: 158 (in-person); 122 (online) = 280

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