# Living a Stellar Life Part II—"When We Don't Get Along"

# July 9, 2023



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.



# WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6th Sunday after Pentecost | July 9, 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 together knowing that so many relationships today are broken by conflict.

### All: We know that as disciples of Christ, we are called to live together in harmony.

One: Yet, instead of embracing and celebrating our unique differences, we have often allowed our differences to bring dissension, duress, and division among us.

#### All: There are times when we seem to bump heads with one another. There are times when we witness family and friends not getting along, and we feel caught in the middle.

One: Let us seek God's grace and call on the power of the Holy Spirit enabling us to build bridges of reconciliation.

All: Yes, when we and others can't get along, let us shine with Jesus' light of love and healing, making us God's instruments of peace. Amen.

*HYMN #374		Standing on the Promises	PROMISES	
Words: R. Kelso Carter, 1886 (Eph. 6:14-17)				
Music: R. Kelso Carter, 1886				
*AFFIRMATION OF	FAITH #883	A Statement of Faith of the United Church o	of Canada	

\*GLORIA PATRI #70

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent. Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

# CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

(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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PASTORAL PRAYER

Beth Matthews

MEINEKE

arr. Joe Cox

#### 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	<i>The Greatest Gift Is Love</i> Tenor Soloist: Gabriel McFarlan	Mark Hayes
donate through Realm Con	gift in the offering plate; text the word "CONNECTIO enect; visit us online at wsmethodist.org/giving; mail a c SC 29201; or scan the QR code on the back of the bullet	heck to WSUMC, 1401
*DOXOLOGY #95	Words: Thomas Ken, 1674 Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551	OLD 100th
*HYMN #390	<i>Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive</i> Words: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1966 (Mt. 6:12) Music: Supplement to Kentucky Harmony, 1820	DETROIT
*SCRIPTURE LESSON	N Romans 12:16	
SERMON	Part II: Living a Stellar Life "When We Don't Get Along"	Rev. Becky Shirley
*HYMN #560	Help Us Accept Each Other Words: Fred Kaan, 1974 (Jn. 15:12) Music: John Ness Beck, 1977	ACCEPTANCE
*BENEDICTION		

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

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

# Pray for our VBS kids...

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime. Amen. Reverend Becky J. Shirley Senior Pastor rjshirley@umcsc.org

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**Rick Frierson** Pianist

#### **PRAYER THOUGHT**

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

#### PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander	
Karen Basso	
Martha Boynton	
David Byrum	
Mickey Epting	

#### Pat Griffin Betsy Halloren Rev. Paul Harmon Karen Horne Lisa Johnson

Jean Kanes Martha Helen King Lin Fesperman Lord Paul McClanahan Sharon McCullough David Middleton Shawn Powers Genie & Ron Quinn Nancy Williams Our homebound

#### **SERVING TODAY**

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate		
Organ	Louis Shirer		
Piano	Rick Frierson		
Ushers Tor	nmy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan		
Greeters	Heidi Ankeny, Shelley Stafford		
Children's Moment			
Sound/Video Production Lynn Shirley, Grant Jackson			
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye		
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters		
Children's Church	Shelley Stafford, Sarah-Kate		
Gravely			
	Olivia Rowland, McKenzie Powers,		
5	Bre McCloud		
Online Moderator	Ed McClain		

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>As of 7-6-23</u> <u>General Budget: \$866,231</u>

Church	\$348,282
Soup Cellar	\$41,428
Foundation	\$950

SCAN TO GIVE



Attendance on July 2: 118 (in-person); 105 (online) = 223