Living a Stellar Life Part V: "When We Need Help"

July 30, 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

9th Sunday after Pentecost | July 30, 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 gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: Then let us open our minds and listen with our hearts to hear God's whispers of love and wisdom. Let us be open to following the Spirit's calling in our lives.

All: We are ready to hear, receive and share God's message of love, acceptance, forgiveness and grace. Amen.

*HYMN #88

Maker, in Whom We Live Words: Charles Wesley, 1747 Music: George J. Elvey, 1868 DIADEMATA

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

THE 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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Howard Helvey

Rev. Becky Shirley

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.

MEINEKE

OFFERTORY

If You Search With All Your Heart Mezzo Soprano Soloist: Taylor Goodwin

(Giving is easy! Place your gift in the offering plate; text the word "CONNECTIONS" to the number 73256; donate through Realm Connect; visit us online at wsmethodist.org/giving; mail a check to WSUMC, 1401 Washington St., Columbia, SC 29201; or scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.)

*DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Craig Courtney

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978 Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*HYMN #141

1 Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA Words: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, 1855; trans. By Ernst W. Olson, 1925 Music: Swedish melody

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:16

SERMON

Part V: Living a Stellar Life *"When We Need Help"* Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #700

Abide with Me Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1847 Music: W. H. Monk, 1861 EVENTIDE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

UPCOMING FALL SMALL GROUPS! **SIGN UP ON AUGUST 13 AT THE POTLUCK LUNCHEON!** "Sharing Meals & Sharing Life" Supper Club **Visitation Ministry Children's Music Stephen Ministry** United Women in Faith (UWF) Circles Youth Group **Adult Choir Disciple Bible Study** Drama **Book Discussions** Walking Club **Movie Discussions** Sewing—Tabitha's Table WASHINGTON

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Rick Frierson Pianist

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Alexander Karen Basso	Betsy Halloren Rev. Paul Harmon	Lin Fesperman Lord Beverly McClanahan	Genie & Ron Quinn 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	

SERVING TODAY

Director of Music	Nicholas Todd Shumate
Organ	Louis Shirer
Piano	Rick Frierson
Ushers	Susan Caskey, Susan Luthren
Children's Moments	Becky Shirley
Sound/Video	Lynn Shirley
Visitor Cards	Suzanne Joye
Pew Maintenance	Jammie Watters
Children's Church	Bre McCloud, Jane Peterson
Nursery	McKenzie Powers
Online Moderator	Ed McClain

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 7-26-23 Church Budget: \$866,231 Not available this week.

SCAN TO GIVE



AUGUST SERMON SERIES PLUGGED IN

Plugged into Jesus, the Bible, others, and ministry.

Attendance on 7/23/23: 132 (in-person); 99 online (as of 7-26); TOTAL = 231