



Community United Church of Christ
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An Open and Affirming Congregation
A Peace with Justice Church
September 17th, 2023
9 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING WORDS Rev. Nicole

OPENING SONG Keep on the Sunny Side by Carter Family

There's a dark and a troubled side of life
There's a bright and a sunny side too
Though we meet with the darkness and strife
The sunny side we also may view
... Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side
Keep on the sunny side of life
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way
If we keep on the sunny side of life
... Oh, the storm and its fury broke today
Crushing hopes that we cherish so dear
Clouds and storms will in time pass away
The sun again will shine bright and clear
... Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side
Keep on the sunny side of life
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way
If we'll keep on the sunny side of life
... Let us greet with a song of hope each day
Though the moments be cloudy or fair
Let us trust in our Saviour always
To keep us, every one, in His care

... Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side
Keep on the sunny side of life
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way
If we'll keep on the sunny side of life

READING Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

COMMUNAL SILENCE

READING Quotes from Nelson Mandela

"You will achieve more in this world through acts of mercy than you will through acts of retribution." "Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies."
"Forgiveness liberates the soul, it removes fear. That's why it's such a powerful weapon."

MESSAGE Rev. Nicole

MUSICAL REFLECTION

COMMUNAL REFLECTIONS

CLOSING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

CLOSING SONG *God Be With You*, The New Century Hymnal #809