

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 24 May 2020

**Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday/Heritage Sunday/
Memorial Day Sunday**

ENTRANCE

Announcements: *(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew.*

Prelude and Lighting of Candles (including Christ Candle)

Greeting: Come and hear, all you who fear the Lord,
And we will tell you what God has done for us!
God has listened and given heed to our prayers.
Blessed be God. Alleluia! *(Psalm 66)*

*Memorial Day Prayer^:
For leaders who send the young to war, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For soldiers, who lay down their life for others, we pray
to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For soldiers who have been maimed or brutalized by war,
we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For families, and all those who have been left behind,
we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For those who suffer most from war: The homeless,
the orphaned, the hungry, and the innocent,
we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
**God of all peoples, help us never to forget
that war is evil and war is hell.**
**Help us to honor its dead and to pray for its victims
who live on,
through him who, for the sake of all,
laid down his life,
even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 384 *(Verse 1 only)* "Love Divine,
All Loves Excelling"

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

Psalter: UM 792 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*Hymn of Preparation: 733 "Marching to Zion"

*Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11

Sermon: *"Spreading our wings"*

Affirmation of Faith: 881 "The Apostles' Creed,
Traditional Version"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers:
607 "A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition"

*The Peace: Let us offer one another
signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 70 "Gloria Patri" ("Glory Be to the Father")

*Prayer of Thanksgiving^^:
All things come from you, O God,
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.

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**By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**
(Hoyt L. Hickman, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 426 (*Tune 57*) "Behold a Broken World"

*Blessing^^:

The Lord Bless you and keep you.

**the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

*Extinguishing of candles (including Christ Candle) and Postlude

***Going Forth**

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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^THE WIDENESS OF GOD'S MERCY, *Prayers of the Faithful,*
alt.

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#Eternal Father, Strong to Save:

Eternal Father, strong to save,

whose arm has bound the restless wave

Who bid the mighty ocean deep

its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word

the wind and waves submissive heard.

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**Who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amidst its rage did sleep
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land
and sea. 2191, *The Faith We Sing, Copyright©2000 by Abingdon
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