

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 24 May 2020

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

ENTRANCE

(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)

Lighting of candles (including Christ Candle) and prelude

Memorial Day Prayer*:

For leaders who send the young to war, we prayer 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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for illumination: 465 (*Verse 1 only*) "Holy Spirit,
Truth Divine"

First lesson: Acts 1:6-14

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

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

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Song*: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Gospel lesson: John 17:1-11

Sermon: "Spreading our wings"

Joys, concerns, prayers

"A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition" 607

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

Song: 733 "Marching to Zion"

Blessing

Postlude and extinguishing of candles (including Christ Candle)

Going forth

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

***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

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

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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.