

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 14 June 2020**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

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

\*Greeting\*\*:

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,  
**so God seeks and saves the lost.**

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,  
**so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

As a father receives a returning, wayward son,

**So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another**

**in the name of Jesus Christ.** *(Ruth Duck, U.S.A, 20<sup>th</sup> Cent)*

\*Opening Hymn: 57 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

\*Opening Prayer^ **God, we haven't been all we could be.**

**We have settled for:**

**Mistreatment of ourselves, others, and our world.**

**Believing that "this is all we can expect."**

**Thinking that "that's just the way things are."**

**Acting like we're in this alone.**

**Forgive us, God. Prod us to be aware of what is promised,**

**what is possible. Strengthen us to respond**

**with all that we are. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: Page 454 "Open My Eyes,  
That I May See" *(Refrain only)*

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

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Psalter: UM 837) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

\*Hymn of Preparation: 501 "Rescue the Perishing"

\*Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

Sermon: "Oh yes, you did laugh."

Affirmation of Faith: 883 A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

\*The Peace: Let us offer one another  
signs of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ 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 "Glory Be to the Father"

•Prayer of Thanksgiving: 587(Tune:463) "Bless Thou the Gifts"

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 60 "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"

\*Blessing: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
in believing,

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so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Amen. (*Romans 15:13*)

\*Extinguishing of candles, Prelude, and Going Forth

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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