

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 28 June 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting^: Come, everyone, come and worship!

God welcomes us all.

Come, all whose hearts are heavy

God welcomes us all.

Come, all who doubt.

God welcomes us all.

Come, all who trust in God.

God welcomes us all.

Come, everyone, come and worship!

*Opening Hymn: 181 "Ye Servants of God"

*Opening Prayer**:

O Lord our God,

you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us
than we are to seek them,

and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve.

**Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may truly joyfully receive,
so to knock that the door of your mercy**

may be opened to us

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*(The Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, 20th
Cent., Alt.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1:14

Psalter: 746 Psalm 13

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

*Hymn of Preparation: 419 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon: "Power"

*Affirmation of Faith: 887 "Affirmation from Romans"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Response to the Word^: When the knife has been raised

God stays the hand.

When the heart despairs...

God's love is steadfast.

When darkness clouds our sight...

God gives light to our eyes.

When we feel dead...

God offers us eternal life.

When people reject us ...

God welcomes us home.

*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.

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Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 95) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication: 446 "Serving the Poor"

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 396 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*Closing Prayer: 669 "The Apostolic Blessing"

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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