

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 26 July 2020

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

Greeting: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

Let us call upon God's holy Name!

Sing praises to God;

Tell of all God's wonderful works. (Psalm 105)

* Prayer of Confession^^:

Train our eyes to see through the fog that clouds our vision
and prevents us from seeing the glory
of your realm here on earth.

May our spirit be uneasy

until we have forsaken all that binds us

and all that keeps us from building your kingdom

in our communities and in our world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: 341 "I Sought the Lord"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 454 (*Verse 1 only*) "Open My Eyes,
That I May See"

First Lesson: Genesis 29:15-28

Psalter: (*Insert, alternate leader and people*) Psalm 105:1-11,45b

Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

*Hymn of Preparation: 492 "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon: "*Understanding God*"

Affirmation of Faith: 887 "Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39"

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

*Gloria Patri: 70 "Glory Be to the Father"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving^:

**Almighty God, you gave us your commandments
and asked us to live according to your holy will.**

**As part of your design for honorable living,
we participate in this simple act of giving.**

**We dedicate ourselves to living lives
of honesty and peace. Amen. (David Bell)**

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

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*Closing Hymn: 399 "Take My Life, and Let it Be"

*Closing Prayer^:

May the God who made heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us,
bles you with power to go forth
and proclaim the gospel.

The grace of God be with you all, now and always.

Amen. (*Janet Morley*)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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