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BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 5 July 2020
/Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/Independence Day Sunday

ENTRANCE

Announcements

*Greeting**:

You have come from afar and waited long and are wearied.
Let us sit side by side,
sharing the same bread drawn from the same source
to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak.

**Then standing together let us share the same spirit,
the same thoughts
that once again draw us together
in friendship and unity and peace. Amen.**

Prieres d'Ozawamick, Canadian Indian, 20th Cent.)

*Opening Hymn: 696 "America the Beautiful"

*Opening Prayer**:

**God of all nations, we praise you
that in Christ
the barriers that have separated humanity
are torn down.
Yet we confess our slowness
to open our hearts and minds
to those of other lands, tongues, and races.
Deliver us from the sins
of fear and prejudice,
that we may move toward the day
when all are truly one in Jesus Christ.
Amen. (Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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First Lesson: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalter: (*Insert: Alternate leader and congregation*)
Psalm 45:10-17

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

*Hymn of Preparation: 437 "This Is My Song"

*Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon: "*I do not understand..*"

Affirmation of Faith: 882 "The Apostles' Creed,
Ecumenical Version"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

The Peace^: Lay down your heavy burdens, and live in peace
with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation^: Let us bring our gifts and offerings
to the One who offers us rest.

Offering Prayer^: Holy, generous giver of all that is good,
Add our small gifts to the everflowing spring
of your love.

Use them to satisfy the thirst
of a world yearning for your waters of life.

Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 519 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

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*Benediction^: Take on the easy yoke of Christ.

Carry the water of life to a thirsty world
and you will find rest for your souls.

Amen.

*Going Forth

*Indicates the congregation standing, if able and willing

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Prayer Calendar, is on the reverse of the Scripture insert. Please
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