

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 1 June 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter/ Ascension Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting^: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

Declare the glory due God's Name.

Let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.

(Psalm 96)

*Praise Choruses: 2086: "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

2223: "They'll Know We Are Christians
By Our Love"

*Opening Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God,

I in whom we live and move and have our being,
you created us for yourself,

so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.

Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose

that no selfish passion may hinder us

from knowing your will,

and no weakness from doing it.

In your light may we see life clearly

and in your service find perfect freedom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The Book of Worship 1965, alt.)

*Opening Hymn: 318 "Christ Is Alive"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 323 "The Ascension"

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

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Psalter: 781 Psalm 47

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

*Hymn of Preparation: 266 "Heal Us, Emmanuel,
Hear Our Prayer"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-53

Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith: 887 "Affirmation from Romans"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers, Children's time

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (P. 12ff)

(All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 2196 "We Walk by Faith"

*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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