

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday, 10 August, 2025**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Lighting of Candles and Prelude

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

\*Greeting\*: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
**though they are red like crimson,**  
**they shall become like wool. (Isaiah 1:18, Alt.)**

\*Praise Choruses: 3124 "How Shall I Come Before the Lord"  
2182 "When God Restored Our Common Life"

\*Opening Prayer\*:

Ever present God, you taught us  
that the night is far spent and the day is at hand.  
**Grant that we may ever be found**  
**watching for the coming of your Son.**  
**Save us from undue love of the world,**  
**that we may wait with patient hope**  
**for the day of the Lord,**  
**and so abide in him,**  
**that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**  
*(Church of Scotland, 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*Opening Hymn: 529 "How Firm a Foundation"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination : Page 6

First Lesson; Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)* Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:13, 8-16

\*Hymn of Preparation: *(Tune 57)*

**Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,**  
**and looks to that alone,**  
**laughs at impossibilities**  
**and cries, "It shall be done!"**

**Obedient faith, that waits on thee,**  
**thou never wilt reprove,**  
**but thou wilt form thy Son in me,**  
**and perfect me in love. (Charles Wesley)**

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:32-40

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 881 "The Apostles' Creed,  
Traditional Version"

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.**

\*Children's Time

**THANKSGIVING**

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

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

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\*Prayer of Thanksgiving\*\*:

All things come from you, O God,  
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.  
You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.  
**When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.**  
**You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.**  
**All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.**  
**And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,**  
**we offer you ourselves, and all that we have,**  
**in union with Christ's offering for us.**  
**By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,**  
**one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*(Hoyt L. Hickman, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*The Lord's Prayer: Page 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

\*Dismissal: Learn to do good,  
**seek justice,**  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
**plead for the widow. (Isaiah 1:17)**

\*Blessing: Go in peace, and the God of peace go with us all.  
**Amen.**

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

\*Going Forth

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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