

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 13 September 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

Greeting: The Lord is our strength and our song.

The Lord is our salvation.

O God, you lead the people you have redeemed.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever!

(Exodus 15)

*Praise Choruses: Eight Hymns in Eight Minutes

*Opening Prayer^:

Let us unite in prayer that Christ may dwell in our hearts.

O Christ, our only Savior,

so come to dwell in us that we may go forth

with the light of your hope in our eyes,

and with your faith and love in our hearts. Amen.

(England, 20th Cent., Alt.)

*Opening Hymn: 463 "Lord, Speak to Me"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: Page 6

First Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

Psalter: 15:1b-11, 20-21 (Insert, alternate leader/**people**)

Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

*Hymn of Preparation: 170 "O, How I Love Jesus"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

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Sermon

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

Children's Time

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: 466 "An Invitation to Christ".

Offering/Offertory

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition:

Almighty, powerful, caring and merciful God,
you have rescued your people in the past
and continue to do so today.

**So we, who have been saved time and again,
sing our praise to you.**

Increase our vision, so we may see

**that not all are called to love and serve you
in the same way.**

**Visit the lonely, give peace to those who are in trouble,
and comfort those who mourn.**

**Hear us now as we offer our petitions,
our gifts, and ourselves**

**through the One who teaches us true forgiveness,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

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SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 670 "Go Forth for God"

*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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