

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 15 June 2025

Trinity Sunday/Father's Day/Peace with Justice Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:
No one has ever seen God;
**If we love one another,
God lives in us,
and God's love is perfected in us.**
(1 John 4:12 Alt.)

*Praise Choruses: 2023 "How Majestic Is Your Name"
2145 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

*Opening Prayer**:
Everlasting God,
You have revealed yourself s Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love.
**Grant that we may always hold firmly and joyfully
to this faith,
and, living in praise of your divine majesty,
may finally be one in you;
who are three persons in one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.**
(Church of South India, 20th Cent., Alt.)

*Opening Hymn: 454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 468 "Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See"

First Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalter: 743 Psalm 8 *(Response 1)*

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Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5

*Hymn of Preparation: 92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Gospel Lesson: John 16:12-15

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 85 "We Believe in One True God"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers, Children's Time

**^Prayer: For Fathers (See below)

*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

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving**:
**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to render to you
all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you, not with our lips only,
but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, the sorrows,
and the joys of all our days
into a living sacrifice to you;
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**
(The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.)

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*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 374 "Standing on the Promises"

*Closing Prayer: 456 "For Courage to Do Justice"

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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**^Observed *the third Sunday in June, this day honors all fathers.*

It was first celebrated in Spokane, Washington, in 1910

PRAYER: For our fathers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them respect and love,

we pray to the Lord...

(silent prayer may follow each petition)

For fathers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends support and console them,

we pray to the Lord...

For men, though without children of their own,
who like fathers have nurtured and cared for us,

we pray to the Lord...

For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children,
and have not sustained their families,

we pray to the Lord...

**God our father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian
fathers.**

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

**Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.**

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Book of Blessings, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt)