

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**10:30 a.m. Sunday 15 March 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent/One Great Hour of Sharing**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Greeting\*\*:  
Jesus said:  
"I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."  
**Let us act justly.**

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me,  
I was naked and you gave me clothing."  
**Let us love tenderly.**

"I was sick and you took care of me,  
I was in prison and you visited me."  
**Let us walk humbly with our God.**

May we see Christ in one another,  
**that we may be healers and peacemakers  
in Christ's name.**

*(Matthew 25:31-46; Micah 6:8, Alt.)*

\*Opening Prayer: 446 "Serving the Poor"

\*Opening Hymn: 57 "O For a Thousand Tongues"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: p. 544 *(Spoken)*  
"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalter: 137 (*Response 1*) Psalm 23

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Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

\*Hymn of Preparation: 407 "Close to Thee"

\*Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-41

Sermon

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

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Children's Time

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

\*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving: "For God's Gifts" p. 489

\*\*The Lord's Prayer" p. 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 581 "Lord, Whose Love  
Through Humble Service"

\*Closing Prayer\*\*:"For Courage to Do Justice" p. 456

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

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\*Going Forth

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\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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