

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 15 October 2023
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements_

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*Greeting: Today we break rank.

We listen to the voice in the pew.
Speak!
Listen!

*Praise Choruses: 2203 “In His Time”
2128 “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

*Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we really do want more training in loving our
neighbor as ourselves,
and ourself as our neighbors
like you taught.

This is just one more practice session in both..

Please help us loosen up
And make this work for us.
Amen.

*Opening Hymn: 352 "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 392 “Prayer for a New Heart”

First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader, people)* Psalm 106, 1-6, 19-23

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

*Hymn of Preparation: 388 "O Come and Dwell in Me"

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*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon: Offered by *Charles Whiteman*

Affirmation of Faith: 887 “Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39”

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: 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:
This is just the beginning,
But it is that.
Thanks for what we've learned,
And thanks for what we're giving.
We want to practice again.
Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Blessing: Philippians 4:8-9 *(Insert)*

***Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth**

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

