

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday 16 August 2026**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

Praise choruses: 2071 "Jesus, Name above All Names"

2171 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for illumination: 477 "For Illumination"

First lesson: Genesis 45:1-15

Psalter: 850 Psalm 133

Second lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Song: 553 "And Are We Yet Alive"

Gospel lesson: Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)**

**All Are Welcome**

**SENDING FORTH**

Song: 2237 "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

Blessing: 264 Verse 3, spoken: "Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth