

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 16 November 2025

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting: 734 "Canticle of Hope"

*Praise Choruses: 2270: "I Will Enter His Gates"
2284: "Joy in the Morning"

*Opening Prayer**: Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord.**
Amen. *(The Book of Common Prayer)*

*Opening Hymn: 734 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 722 "I Want to Be Ready"

First Lesson; Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)*: Isaiah 12

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

*Hymn of Preparation: 729 *(Tune 496)*
"O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines"

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*Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:5-19

Sermon: *"The best and worst of times"*

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Affirmation of Faith: 886 "The World Methodist Social
Affirmation"

*The Peace: Let us offer one another signs
of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving: 587 *(Tune 463)* "Bless Thou the Gifts"

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 377 "It Is Well"

*Closing Prayer: 705 "For Direction"

*Extinguishing Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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