

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 17 May 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles, including Christ Candle

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

Greeting: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!

For God reigns over the nations;

Sing praises with a psalm! Alleluia! (Psalm 47)

Praise choruses: 2070 "He Is Exalted"

2123 "Loving Spirit"

*Opening Prayer: 323 "The Ascension"

*Opening Hymn: 154 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: UMH 321 "Sundays of Easter"

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

Psalter: 781 Psalm 47

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

*Hymn of Preparation: 326 "The Head That Once
Was Crowned"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-52

Sermon

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

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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: 70: "Gloria Patri" ("Glory Be to the Father")

*Prayer of Thanksgiving:

All things come from you, O God,
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.

**By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**
(Hoyt L. Hickman, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 157 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*Closing Prayer^:

O God, the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.

**Do not leave us comfortless,
but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,
and exalt us to that place**

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**where our Savior Christ has gone before;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

(The Book of Common Prayer, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

*Extinguishing of candles, including Christ Candle, and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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