

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 17 May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

ENTRANCE

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

Lighting of candles (including Christ Candle) and prelude

Praise choruses: 2070 "He Is Exalted"

2123 "Loving Spirit"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Opening prayer: 323 "The Ascension"

First lesson: Acts 1:1-11

Psalter: 781 Psalm 47

Second lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

Song: 707 "Hymn of Promise"

Gospel lesson: Luke 24:44-53

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

All Are Welcome

SENDING FORTH

Song: 331 "Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us"

Blessing: 329 "Prayer to the Holy Spirit"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles (including Christ Candle)