

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8:30 a.m. Sunday 18 January 2026
Second Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Day
(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:1/18-1/25)

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Greeting: John the Baptist declared in John 1:
Here is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world!"
Thanks be to God!

Praise Choruses: 2071 "Jesus, Name above All Names"
2050:" Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

Noting The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (1/18-25)

Recognition of Human Relations Day

Reflections on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Opening Hymn: 519 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalter: 774: Psalm 40:1-11

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Hymn of Preparation: 357 "Just As I Am"

Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-42

Sermon

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

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (p. 15ff)
All welcome!

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: 2130 "The Summons"

Blessing: 106 "God Is Able"

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going forth_