

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8:30 a.m. Sunday 18 October 2026
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday

ENTRANCE

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

Praise choruses: 3124 "How Shall I Come Before the Lord"
2087 "We Will Glorify the King of Kings"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for open minds and hearts: 477 "For Illumination"

First lesson: Exodus 33 :12-23

Psalter: (Page 819) Psalm 89

Second lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1 :1-10

Song: 558 "We Are the Church"

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

Litany for Laity Sunday*

From the beginning, God entered into covenant
with the human family.

**Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant
and makes u ministers of Christ's righteousness.**

The Church, as the community of the new covenant
participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

It stretches out to human needs

wherever service may convey God's love and ours.

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

**that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator
and that all Christians are called to minister**

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in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)
All Are Welcome

SENDING FORTH

Song: 441 "What Does the Lord Require"

Canticle of Covenant Faithfulness: Page 125

Postlude and extinguishing of candles

Going Forth

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