

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 2 August 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

Greeting: You have come from afar and waited long
and are wearied.
Let us sit side by side,
sharing the same bread drawn from the same source
to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak.
**Then, standing together, let us share
the same spirit, the same thoughts
that once again draw us together
in friendship and unity and peace.**
(Prieres d'Ozawamick, Canadian Indian, 20th Cent.)

Praise Choruses: 2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
2126 "All Who Hunger"

Opening Prayer:
God of grace and glory,
we thank you that you judge us
not by the perfection of our actions,
but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.
**Help us, as individuals and as a congregation,
to trust you and follow where you lead,
that in Christ your name may be glorified
in all the earth. Amen.**
(Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

*Opening Hymn: 386 (Tune 496) "Come, O Thou Traveler
Unknown"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 104 "Praising God of Many Names"

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

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Psalter: 749 Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

*Hymn of Preparation: 341 "I Sought the Lord"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 881 "The Apostles' Creed,
Traditional Version"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Children's Time

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 12ff)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 672 "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

Blessing: May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
may the rains fall soft upon your fields,
**and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
Amen.**

(Traditional Gaelic Prayer, Alt.)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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