

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 20 September 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

Greeting: We have heard the stories of our God
from those who have gone before.
We will not hide them from our children,
but tell them to the coming generation.
We will tell the glorious deeds of the Lord,
and the wonders God has wrought. (Psalm 78)

*Praise Choruses: 3030 "Eternal God Transcending Time"
2197 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

*Opening Prayer^:
God our Mother and Father, we come to you as children.
Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes,
hear one another with new hearts,
and treat one another in a new way. Amen.
(Corrymeela Community, Ireland, 20th Cent.)

*Opening Hymn: 662 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 601 "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

Psalter: Insert: (Leader, **People**) Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

*Hymn of Preparation: 572 "Pass It On"

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*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 885 "A Modern Affirmation"

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: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication^:
Let us pray.
O God, this isn't very much.
It's only a small part of what we earn and spend;
but, receive it as a symbol.
Let it be a sign between you and us
that we want to find and create the life and love
that you offer.
We are ready to be your people. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 663 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

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*Closing Prayer^^: Dear God, we pray to you
**for people in all the world;
for other nations;
for other races;
for people who think differently,
and live differently.
Help us to respect, understand,
and love each other.
Let there be no hate among nations.
Forgive all injustice.
Let wars end.
Let your message
be proclaimed everywhere.
Give us peace.
Amen.**

(Hope for Tomorrow)

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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