

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 20 September 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for illumination: 473 "Lead Me, Lord"

First lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

Psalter: (*Insert, Alternate leader and people*)
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Second lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

Song*: (*Tune 175*) "Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care"

Gospel lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

All Are Welcome

SENDING FORTH

Song: 407 "Close to Thee"

Blessing: 597 "For the Spirit of Truth"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles

*"Lord, It Belongs Not To My Care":

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Lord, it belongs not to my care
Whether I die or live;
To love and serve Thee is my share,
And this Thy grace must give.

If life be long, I will be glad
That I may long obey;
If short, yet why should I be sad
To soar to endless day?

Christ leads me through no darker rooms
Than He went through before;
He that into God's kingdom comes
Must enter by this door.

Come, Lord, when grace has made me meet
Thy blessed face to see;
For, if Thy work on earth be sweet,
What will Thy glory be!

My knowledge of that life is small,
The eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
And I shall be with Him.
(Richard Baxter, 17th cent., English)