

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. 21 September 2025**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Lighting of Candles and Prelude

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

\*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, 20<sup>th</sup> cent.)*

\*Praise Choruses: 2176 "Make Me a Servant"  
2171 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

\*Opening Prayer: 677 "Listen, Lord"

\*Opening Hymn: 426 (Tune: 57) "Behold a Broken World"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

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

First Lesson; Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)*: Psalm 79:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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\*Hymn of Preparation: 375 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 883 "A Statement of Faith of the United  
Church of Canada"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

\*The Peace: Let us offer one another  
signs of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

The Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

\*The Gloria Patri: Page 70

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving: 587 (Tune: 463) "Bless Thou the Gifts"

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 451 "Be Thou My Vision"

\*Dismissal with Blessing\*:

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage.  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
**strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak;**  
**help the afflicted; honor everyone;**  
**love and serve the Lord,**  
**rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**  
**and the blessing of God Almighty,**  
**the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,**

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**be upon you, and remain with you ,always. Amen.**

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

\*Going Forth

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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