

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 22 June 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

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

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Greeting: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Let us praise the Lord as long as we live!

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob;

Our hope is in the Lord our God! (Psalm 146)

*Praise Choruses: 2025 "As the Deer"

3075 "Cast Out, O Christ"

Opening Prayer:

O God, you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open to the faithful.

**Grant that we, who by your grace are following
the path of your will,**

may never turn aside from the way of life;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

(Gelasian Sacramentary, Alt.)

*Opening Hymn: 57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 388 *(Verse 1 only)* "O Come and Dwell
In Me"

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-15a

Psalter: 777 Psalm 42

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29

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*Hymn of Preparation: 261 "Lord of the Dance"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 8:26-39

Sermon

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

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

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:

O God of us all, you are our help in every trouble
and our hope for the future.

**Receive now our gifts, and bless all
who seek to be in your presence.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit
you have turned enemies into friends.**

**By that same Spirit give us a clear vision of our task
that we might live in ways
that cause others to glorify you.**

**Direct us in works of mercy and compassion,
that we might proclaim your desire
for all persons to be made whole.**

**Raise into newness of life those who have lost all hope.
Visit those who are alone, and comfort all who mourn.**

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All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. *(General Prayer for the Day, alt.)*

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 163 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

*Blessing^: May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. *(Romans 15:13)*

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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