

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 23 August 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for illumination: 454 (*Verse 1 only*) "Open My Eyes,
That I May See"

First lesson: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalter: 846 Psalm 124

Second lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Song: 163 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

Gospel lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

(All Are Welcome)

SENDING FORTH

Song: 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Blessing: 607 "A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles, going forth