

(BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 24 August 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:

From the beginning, God entered into covenant
with the human family:

with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah,
Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.

**Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant
and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.**

All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love.
It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion,
witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

All Christians are called

**to Christ's servanthood in the world,
to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

The Church, as the community of the new covenant,
participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

It stretches out to human needs

wherever service may convey God's love and ours.

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

**that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator,
and that all Christians are called to minister
in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.**

(Adapted from The Book of Discipline 1992, par. 101-07)

*Praise Choruses: Eight Hymns in Eight Minutes

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.

Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land

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with your healing love.

**Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance,
and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.**

**By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts
and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.**

Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love,

which casts out our fear,

and bind us together in that unity

which you share with the Father

and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Cecil King, Northern Ireland, 20th Cent.)

*Opening Hymn: 579 (*Tune 710*) "Lord God,

Your Love Has Called Us Here"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination : Page 6

First Lesson; Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalter: 794 (*Verses 1-6 only*) Psalm 71:1-6

Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29

*Hymn of Preparation: 463: "Lord, Speak to Me"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:10-17

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 884 "A Statement of Faith
of the Korean Methodist Church"

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.

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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, most merciful and gracious,
of whose bounty we have all received,
accept this offering of your people.

Remember in your love

**those who have brought it,
and those for whom it is given,
and so follow it with your blessing
that it may promote peace and goodwill
among all peoples,
and advance the kingdom
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Presbyterian, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 266 "Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer"

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

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

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***Going Forth**

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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