

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 26 October 2025
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:

Praise is due to God in Zion;

To God we will offer our praise!

God answers our prayers!

We rejoice to dwell in God's holy temple.

(Psalm 65)

*Praise Choruses: Eight Hymns in Eight Minutes

*Opening Prayer^:

God of grace and glory,

we thank you that you judge us not

by the perfection of our actions,

but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.

Help us, as individuals and as a congregation,

to trust you and follow where you lead,

that in Christ your name may be glorified

in all the earth. Amen.

(Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

*Opening Hymn: 110 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 543(Tune 624) “O Breath of Life”

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First Lesson; Joel 2:23-32

Psalter: 789 Psalm 65

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

*Hymn of Preparation: 133 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 889 “Affirmation from 1 Timothy”

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Children’s Time

*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.

The Offering/Offertory

*The Doxology: 587 (Tune: 463) “Bless Thou the Gifts”

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SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 407 "Close to Thee"

Blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you;
**the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.**
(Numbers 6:24-26)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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