

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday 27 September 2026**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

Praise Choruses: 3096 "Gentle Shepherd"  
3093 "Fill My Cup, Lord"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPON**

Prayer for illumination *(Spoken)*: 601 "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

First lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)* Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Second lesson: Philippians 2: 1-13

Song): 558 "We Are the Church"

Gospel lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)**  
**(All Are Welcome)**

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**Most bountiful God,  
we give you thanks for the world you have created,  
for the gift of life, and for giving yourself to us in Jesus Christ,  
whose holy life, suffering, and death, and glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from slavery to sin and death.**

**We thank you that in the power of your Holy Spirit  
you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.**

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**We are your children, and yours is the glory, now and for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

Song: 527 "Do, Lord, Remember Me"

Blessing: 665 "Go Now in Peace"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles

Going forth

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