

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 28 June 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

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

Greeting: We come trusting in the steadfast love of God.

Our hearts rejoice in God's salvation.

Let us sing to the Lord.

For God has dealt bountifully with us. Psalm 13

*Praise Choruses: 3150 "Father, We Have Heard You Calling"
2149 "Living for Jesus"

*Opening Prayer^:

Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in
our hearts,

and gave us power to discern good from evil.

Grant us sincerity,

that we may persistently seek the things that endure,

refusing those which perish,

and that, amid things vanishing and deceptive,

we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully,

and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all

people,

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Hugh Cameron, Scotland, 20th Cent.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

Psalter: 746 Psalm 13

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

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*Hymn of Preparation: 534 "Be Still My Soul"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 882 "THE APOSTLES' CREED,
ECUMENICAL VERSION"

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

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,

let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God

Offering

*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving^:

O eternal God,

in whose appointment our life stands,

and who committed our work to us,

we commit our cares to you.

We thank you that we are your children,

and that you have assured us

that, while we are intent upon your will, you will heed our

wants.

Fill us with that compassion for others' troubles

which comes from forgetfulness of our own;

with the charity of those who know their own unworthiness;

and with the glad hope of the children of eternity.

And to you,

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**the Beginning and the End, Lord of the living,
Refuge of the dying,
we offer our thanks and praise, our gifts,
and ourselves. Amen.**

(James Martineau, England, 19th Cent., Alt.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 650 (*Tune 710*) "Give Me the Faith Which
Can Remove"

*Closing Prayer^:

**May almighty God, who caused light to shine
out of darkness,
shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins,
and restoring us to the light of the knowledge
of God's glory,
in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

(The Book of Worship 1944, Alt.)

Extinguishing of Candles/Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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