

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 3 May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE

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

Lighting of candles (including Christ Candle) and prelude

Praise choruses: Eight hymns in eight minutes

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for illumination: 492 *(Verses 1 & 6 only)*

"Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire"

First lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and **people**)* Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Second lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Song: 545 "The Church's One Foundation"

Gospel lesson: John 14:1-14

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

All are Welcome

SENDING FORTH

Song: 2208 "Guide My Feet"

Blessing: 466 "An Invitation to Christ"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth