

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 30 August 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

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

*Greeting**:

Come to Christ, that living stone,
rejected by the world, but in God's sight
chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call,
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's
people,
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous
light.

Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:
**Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.
By your mercy we have been born anew to a**

**living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead.**

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

*Praises Choruses: 2227 "We Are the Body of Christ"
2228 "Sacred the Body"

*Opening Prayer**:

All-merciful, tender God, you have given birth to our world,
conceiving and bearing all that lives and breathes.

**We come to you as your daughters and sons,
aware of our aggression and anger,
our drive dominate and manipulate others.**

**We ask you to forgive us,
and by the gentle touch of your Spirit**

**help us to find a renewed sense of compassion,
that we may truly live as your people in service to all.**

Amen.

(Janet Weller, England, 20thCent., Alt.)

*Opening Hymn: 157 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Children's Time

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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First Lesson: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalter: 846 Psalm 124

Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

*Hymn of Preparation: 2120 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: "Timing"

Affirmation of Faith: 880 "The Nicene Creed"

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.

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 Thanksgiving **:

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to render to you all that we have and all that
we are,
that we may praise you, not with our lips only,
but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, and sorrows, and the joys of all our
days
into a living sacrifice to you;
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. (*The Book of
Worship 1965, Alt.*)**

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 368 "My Hope Is Built"

*Closing Prayer: 607 "A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan
Tradition"

*Going
Forth

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*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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