

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 31 August 2025**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Greeting\*: May those who love your salvation say continually,  
"Great is the Lord!"

**Yea, our heart is glad in God,  
because we trust in God's holy name.**

Let us make a joyful noise to God  
with songs of praise!

**We praise you, O God;**

**We acknowledge you to be the Lord.**  
(*The Book of Worship, 1965, Alt.*)

\*Praise Choruses: 2236 "Gather Us in"  
2197 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

\*Opening Prayer\*:

**Give us, Senior, a little sun, a little happiness, and some work.**

**Give us a heart to comfort those in pain.**

**Give us the ability to be good, strong, wise, and free,  
so that we may be as generous with others**

**as we are with ourselves.**

**Finally, Senior, let us all live as your own one family. Amen.**  
(*From a church wall in Mexico, 20th Cent.*)

\*Opening Hymn: 166 "All Praise to Thee,  
for Thou, O King Divine"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 579(*Tune 710*) (*Verse 1 only*)  
"Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here"

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First Lesson; Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalter: (*Insert: Alternate leader and people*) Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

\*Hymn of Preparation: 443 (*Tune 514*)  
O God, Who Shaped Creation"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 886: "The World Methodist  
Social Affirmation"

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/Offertory

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

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving: 587 (*Tune 463*)  
"Bless Thou the Gifts"

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 663 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

\*Closing Prayer: 665 "Go Now in Peace" (*Sing 3 times*)

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\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

\*Going Forth

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\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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