

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 31 May 2026

Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday*

ENTRANCE

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

Praise choruses: 2023 "How Majestic Is Your Name"
3017 "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for listening hearts and minds: 79 (*Verse 4 only*)
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

First lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalter: 743 (*Response 1*) Psalm 8

Second lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Song: 85 "We Believe in One True God"

Gospel lesson: Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers*

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

SENDING FORTH

Song: 92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Closing prayer: 456 "For Courage to Do Justice"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY*

(Observed the first Sunday after Pentecost, this day witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world)

Prayer:

For self-righteousness that will not compromise,
and from selfishness that gains by the oppression of others,
O Lord, deliver us.

From the lust for money or power that drives to kill, **R**

From trusting in the weapon of war,
and mistrusting the councils of peace, **R**

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations, **R**

From suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation,
R

From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice and hatred;
from everything that prevents us from fulfilling your promise of peace, **R**

Amen. *U.S.A., 20th Cent., alt.)*

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