

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8:30 a.m. Sunday 6 September 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Labor Day Sunday

ENTRANCE

Lighting of candles and prelude

Opening Prayer: 402 (*Verse 1 only*) "Lord, I Want to Be
a Christian"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for illumination: 594 "Come, Divine Interpreter"

First lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

Psalter: (*Insert: Alternate leader and **people***) Psalm 149

Second lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Song 77 "How Great Thou Art"

Gospel lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

Prayer for All Workers*:

**O Lord, you have bound us together
in this bundle of life;
give us grace to understand how our lives depend
upon the courage, the industry, the honesty
and integrity of our fellows;
that we may be mindful of their needs,
grateful for their faithfulness,
and faithful in our responsibilities to them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
(Reinhold Niebuhr --- With One Voice)

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

SENDING FORTH

Song: 389 "Freely, Freely"

Blessing: 412 "Prayer of John Chrysostom"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth

*The Wideness of God's Mercy, Vol 2, Jeffery W. Rowthorn, ed