

th BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 7 September 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

Greeting**: If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross
and follow me.

**For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life
for my sake and for the sake of the gospel,
will save it. (Mark 8:34b-35)**

*Opening Prayer**: God our Mother and Father, we come to you
as children.

**Be with us as we learn to see one another
with new eyes,
hear one another with new hearts,
and treat one another in a new way.
Amen.**

(Corrymeela Community, Ireland, 20th Cent.)

Praise Choruses: 2003: "Praise You"
2152 "Change My Heart, O God"

*Opening Hymn: 688 "God, that Madest Earth and Heaven"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: Page 6

First Lesson; Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalter: (*Insert: Alternate leader and people*) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

*Hymn of Preparation: 554 "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-33

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 881 "The Apostles' Creed,
Traditional Version"
Joys, Concerns, Prayers 409 "For Grace to Labor"

Children's Time

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 12ff)

All are welcome

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

*Dismissal with Blessing**:

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage.
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil
for evil;

**strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor everyone;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power
of the Holy Spirit.**

**And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.**

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

***Going Forth**

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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