

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 8 February 2026

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:
Praise the Lord!
Happy are those who delight in God.
Let us be not afraid,
For we are secure in the Lord!

((Psalm 112)

*Praise Choruses: 2056: "God Is So Good"
2243: "We All Are One in Mission"

*Opening Prayer: 456 "For Courage to Do Justice"

*Opening Hymn: 553 "And Are We Yet Alive"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 477 "For Illumination"

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalter: 833 Psalm 112:1-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

*Hymn of Preparation: 463 "Lord, Speak to Me"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 882 "The Apostles' Creed,
Ecumenical Version"

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Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Children's Time

*The Peace: 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

*Gloria Patri: Page 70 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

**"The Lord's Prayer" (p. 895)

.SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 451 "Be Thou My Vision"

*Closing Prayer: 125 "Canticle of Covenant Faithfulness"

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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