

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 8 March 2026**

***Third Sunday in Lent***

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Greeting\*\*:  
O come let us sing to the Lord,  
**Let us make a joyful noise to our God!**  
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
**And make a joyful noise with songs. (Psalm 95)**

\*Opening Prayer\*\*:  
God of holiness and light,  
in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ  
you have established a new covenant of reconciliation.  
**Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit  
to all your people,  
that your saving grace may be made known  
to the whole world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: 731 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

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First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalter: 814 Psalm 95 (*Response 1*)

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

\*Hymn of Preparation: 400 "Come Thou Fount  
of Every Blessing"

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\*Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-42

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 885 "A Modern Affirmation"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Moments with youth

\*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

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

\*Prayer of Petition and Thanksgiving^:

**O God, Creator and Ruler of the World,  
receive our worship and the offering of ourselves,  
not on the ground of any desert of our own,  
but out of the bounty of your goodness  
which refreshes us  
with the water of life,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God in glory everlasting. Amen.**  
*(Leonine Sacramentary, Alt.)*

\*The Lord's Prayer: 89

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***SENDING FORTH***

\*Closing Hymn: 398 "Jesus Calls Us"

\*Closing Prayer\*\*:

May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
*(Romans 15:13)*

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

\*Going Forth

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\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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