

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 9 August 2026

(Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

ENTRANCE

Announcements

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Greeting: O give thanks to the Lord,

Call on God's name.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises!

Tell of all God's wonderful works! *Psalm 105*

*Praise Choruses: 3096 "Gentle Shepherd"

3101 "Love Lifted Me"

*Opening Prayer^:

O God of Shalom,

we have built up walls to protect ourselves

from our enemies,

but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love.

Break down those walls.

Help us to see that the way to your heart

is through the reconciliation of our own hearts

with our enemies.

Bless them and us,

that we may grow in love for each other and for you;

through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Michael J. O'Donnell, U.S.A., 20th Cent, Alt.)

*Opening Hymn: 554 "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 594 "Come, Divine Interpreter"

First Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate leader and people)* Psalm 105:1-6,
16-22, 45b

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

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*Hymn of Preparation: 358 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

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

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Children's Time

*The Peace: Let us offer one another signs
of reconciliation & 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/Offertory

*Doxology: 72 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Thanks *(from Psalm 105 & Romans 10)*: ^^

Gracious God,

your gifts are indeed great,

your works a wonder to behold.

We thank you for the gift

of your amazing grace,

as we return a portion of these gifts to you.

Bless these gifts,

that our giving may become a beautiful message

of your love and grace.

In Christ's glorious name, we pray. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

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SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 474 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Blessing: May the presence of God the Creator
give you strength;
May the presence of God the Redeemer
give you peace;
May the presence of God the Sustainer
give you comfort.
May the presence of God the Sanctifier
give you love. Amen.

*(United Methodist Clergywomen's Consultation,
U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

***Going Forth**

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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