BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 9 November 2025 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting: The stone which the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118

*Praise Choruses: 2070: "He Is Exalted" 2123: "Loving Spirit"

*Opening Prayer**: Almighty God,

unto whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen. (The Book of Common Prayer)

*Opening Hymn: 529 "How Firm a Foundation"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 454 (*Refrain only*) "Open My Eyes,

That I May See"

First Lesson; Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalter: (Insert, alternate leader and people) Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

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*Hymn of Preparation: 521 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 20:27-38

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 and love.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

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

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

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 730 "O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

*Closing Prayer: 409 "For Grace to Labor"

*Extinguishing Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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