

Sermon for 3 August 2025 @ Bethesda UMC/Baltimore

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalter (*Insert*: Psalm 107: 1-9, 43: alternate leader/**people**);

Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Sermon:

In the spring a year ago, Bethesda inherited a major bequest.

After a year's consideration, we engaged a financial advisor, and since then have received considerable income.

What should we do next?

This is what I hear Jesus saying in the Gospel lesson for today.

(Discussion).

Hosea bends over backward to show God's love for justice, and his love of us.

How do we relate to that as a church?

(Discussion).

It's been almost two years since Hamas killed 1200 Palestinians and captured hostages.

Since then, with our full support, Israel has killed approximately 60,000 people.

Where do you see God's love in this situation? What is the church's role here?

Let us pray.

Amen.