

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 12 July 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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ENTRANCE

Announcements:

Greeting: Good and upright is the Lord;
Instructing sinners in the way.
God leads the humble in what is right.
And shows the humble the way. (*Psalm 25*)

*Opening Prayer: 493 "Three Things We Pray"

*Opening Hymn: 494 "Kum Ba Yah (*Come By Here*)"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Introduction to the Word^:

Do not give up on us, O God,
for we are here to follow your precepts
and return to your ways.

**Speak to us again of your ways of life and death
that we may grow strong in our faith
and bear the fruit of eternal life.**

First Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34

Psalter: (*Insert, alternate leader and people*) Psalm 119:105-112

Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11

*Hymn of Preparation: 600 "Wonderful Words of Life"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: "*Looking back, going forward*"

Response to the Word^:

Your word is a lamp to our feet, O God.
Your instructions are a light to our path.
Your decrees are a living heritage.
Your teaching is a blessing in times of trial.
Hold our hands and guide us, Holy One.
May we abide in your ways and live.

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

*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/Offertory

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

*Offering Prayer^: Master Gardner,
As you have sown our lives in rich, fertile soil,
may we bear much fruit through our giving.
With these offerings
**may we help bring your realm here on earth,
as we plant seeds of hope in the fields of life.**
Bless our efforts and nourish our efforts,
**that together, we may reap a harvest
of generosity and love. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

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SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Closing Prayer: 495 "The Sufficiency of God"

*Extinguishing of Candles/Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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