

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 19 July 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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SENDING FORTH

ENTRANCE

Lighting of candles and prelude

Call to Worship*:

Rejoice, for we are in the house of God

Give thanks and sing, for this is the gate of heaven.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination*:

Search us, O God, in this time of worship
and test the measure of our hearts.

**Breathe your Spirit within us,
and claim us as children of light,
that everyone we meet might be blessed
through the gift of your Spirit. Amen.**

First lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalter: (*Insert, alternate leader and people*) Psalm 139:1-12,
23-24

Second lesson: Romans 8:12-25

Gospel lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon: "*Tough love*"

Joys, concerns, prayers

Closing prayer*: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

God is with us here.

Surely this is the gate of heaven.

God is with us now.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

God is with us always. Amen.

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth

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