

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 20 September 2020

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

*Greeting**:
We have heard the stories of our God
From those who have gone before.
We will not hide them from our children.
But tell them to the coming generation.
We will tell the glorious deeds of the Lord,
And the wonders God has wrought. (Psalm 78)

*Opening Prayer^:
God our Mother and Father, we come to you as children.
**Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes,
hear one another with new hearts,
and treat one another in a new way. Amen.**
(Corrymeela Community, Ireland, 20th Cent.)

*Opening Hymn: 731 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Good News: Page 409 "For Grace to Labor"

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)*

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

*Hymn of Preparation^^: *(Tune 175)* **(See P. 4)**
"Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care"

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*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: "Grace"

Affirmation of Faith: 883 "A Statement of Faith of the
United Church of Canada"

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

*Doxology: 367 *(Chorus only)* "He Touched Me"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication^:
Let us pray.
**O God, this isn't very much.
It's only a small part of what we earn and spend.
But receive it as a symbol.
Let it be a sign between you and us
that we want to find and create the life and love
that you offer.
We are ready to be your people. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

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SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 430 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*Closing Prayer^^: Dear God, we pray to you
**For people in all the world.
For other nations.
For other races.
For people who think differently
And live differently.
Help us to respect, understand,
And love each other.
Let there be no hate among nations.
Forgive all injustice.
Let wars end.
Let your message be
Proclaimed everywhere.
Give us peace.
Amen.**

(Hope for Tomorrow)

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

***Going Forth**

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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^^Hymn of Preparation: "Lord, It Belongs Not
To my Care" (*Tune 175*)

**Lord, it belongs not to my care
Whether I die or live;
To love and serve Thee is my share,
And this Thy grace must give.**

**If life be long, I will be glad
That I may long obey;
If short, yet why should I be sad
To soar to endless day?**

**Christ leads me through no darker rooms
Than He went through before;
He that into God's kingdom comes
Must enter by this door.**

**Come, Lord, when grace has made me meet
thy blessed face to see;
For, if Thy work on earth be sweet,
What will Thy glory be!**

**My knowledge of that life is small;
The eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
And I shall be with Him.**
(Richard Baxter, 17th cent., English)