

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 11 October 2020**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

\*Greeting\*: Praise the Lord!

**Give thanks for the goodness of the Lord!**

Lord, remember us when you show mercy,

**That we may rejoice with gladness.**

*(After Psalm 106)*

\*Opening Prayer^: "For Leaders"

O God, as you anointed leaders and called prophets of old,  
lead us to recognize our true representatives  
and authentic leaders,

**men and women who love your people**

**and can walk with them,**

**who feel their pain and share their joys,**

**who dream their dreams**

**and strive to accompany them to their common goal.**

**In your fire, with your Spirit,**

**embolden and commission us**

**to transform our political system, to serve your people,**

**and to bring real glory to your name. Amen.**

*(Philippines, 20th Cent.)*

\*Opening Hymn: 160 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 393 "Spirit of the Living God"

First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

\*Hymn of Preparation: 121 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon: "Free"

Affirmation of Faith: 177 "He Is Lord"

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

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

\*Prayer of Praise, Confession, Intercession, and Thanksgiving:

Loving God, your steadfast love is

from one end of the earth to the other.

**While we are unable to tell all your mighty works,**

**we still gather here before you and offer our worship.**

**Receive our songs of praise to the glory of your holy Name.**

**You call us to your feast, but we follow our own ways.**

**Lord, forgive us our sinful ways,**

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**and make us your chosen people.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
help us find contentment in what you provide.  
Visit your children who suffer, and for whom we pray.  
Grant that both they and we may give thanks to you.  
Hear us, O God, as we pray in the Name  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 670 "Go Forth for God"

\*Blessing: Philippians 4:8-9 (*Insert*)

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

\*Going Forth

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\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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