

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 18 October 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday

ENTRANCE

Lighting of candles and prelude

*Greeting: *Litany for Laity Sunday*

From the beginning, God entered into covenant
with the human family:

with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah,
Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.

**Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us
into the covenant**

and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.

All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love.
It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion,
witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

**All Christians are called to Christ's servanthood
in the world,
to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

The Church, as the community of the new covenant,
participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

It stretches out to human needs

wherever service may convey God's love and ours.

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

**that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator,
and that all Christians are called to minister
in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.**

(Adapted from The Book of Discipline 1992, Par. 101-07)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for open minds and hearts: 393 (*Spoken*): "Spirit of the
Living God"

First lesson: Exodus 33:12-23

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Psalter: 819 (*Response Spoken*) Psalm 99

Second lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Song: 261 (*Spoken*): "Lord of the Dance"

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon: "*Special*"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

Song: 557 (*Spoken*): "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Blessing: 669 *Apostolic Blessing*

Postlude and extinguishing of candles

Postlude/Going forth