

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 25 October 2020
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

*Greeting**:
Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the earth was formed, you were God.

Let your favor be upon us,

And bless the work of our hands. (Psalm 90)

*Opening Prayer**:

O God, who has taught us to keep your commandments
by loving you and our neighbor:

**Grant us the spirit of peace and grace,
that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart,
and united to each other with a pure will;**

**Through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: 110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: Page 6

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalter: (*Insert: Alternate leader and people*) Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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*Hymn of Preparation: 463 "Lord, Speak to Me"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon: "*Leadership development*"

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: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Petition and Thanksgiving^:

Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity,
we thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal.

Renew in the whole Church

**that passionate desire for the coming of your kingdom
which will unite all Christians in one mission
to the world.**

**May we all grow up together into him who is our head,
the Savior of the world.**

**In his name we offer our prayers, our gifts,
and ourselves to you. Amen.**

(Olive Wyton, England, 20th Cent., Alt.)

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*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 572 "Pass It On"

*Blessing^: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord makes his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;

**The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.**

(Numbers 6:24-26)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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