

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 17 January 2021

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Day/Week
of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January)**

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

Greeting*: So he came and proclaimed peace to you
who were far off
and peace to those who were near;
**for through him all of us have access in one Spirit
to the Father.**

(Ephesians 2:17-18, Alt.)

Praise Choruses: 2164 "Sanctuary"
2165 "Cry of my Heart"
2176 "Make Me a Servant"

Opening Prayer*:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.
As we gather in this place, allow your Spirit
to fill our very being.

**As we worship today,
we remember our brothers and sisters
who are worshiping elsewhere throughout the world.**

**Inspire each of us to work more faithfully
for justice and dignity of life everywhere.**

Raise our vision above the barriers
of color, culture, and creed that separate us.
Give us wisdom as we deal with one another.
Help us to recognize and to respect different ways,
rather than to judge.

**In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served,
but to serve,
we now must walk in the world.**

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**We must reach out our hands with help
and open our hearts in love.**

**Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you
in the world.**

Amen. *(Nancy R. McMaster, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

Opening Hymn: 398 "Jesus Calls Us"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 570 "Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola"

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate Leader and People)*
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Hymn of Preparation: 593 "Here I Am, Lord"

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Sermon: "***Follow the gleam.***"

Affirmation of Faith: 886 "The World Methodist
Social Affirmation"

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.

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Offering/Offertory

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving*:

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to render to you all that we have
and all that we are,
that we may praise you, not with our lips only,
but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys
of all our days
into a living sacrifice to you;
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.)

The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: 548 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Closing Prayer*:

**Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips
we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts
we may practice in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(John Hunter, Scotland, 19th Cent., Alt.)

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

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