

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 23 May 2021**

**Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Announcements:

Prelude and Lighting of Candles (including Christ Candle)

Greeting: 406 "Canticle of Prayer" (*Spoken; Repeat antiphon*)

Praise Choruses: 2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"  
2237 "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

Opening Prayer: 542 "Day of Pentecost"

Opening Hymn: 454 "Open My Eyes, that I May See"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 384 (*Verse 1 only*) "Love Divine,  
All Loves Excelling"

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 (*Hear 2:4 in several languages*)

Psalter: (*Insert: Alternate leader and people*) Psalm 104:24-34,  
35b

Second Lesson: Romans 8:22-27

Hymn of Preparation: 500 "Spirit of God,  
Descend upon My Heart"

Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sermon: "*Connected*"

Affirmation of Faith: 881 "The Apostles' Creed,  
Traditional Version"

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Joys, Concerns, Prayers

The Peace: Let us offer one another signs of love;  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

Invitation: A forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

Gloria Patri: 70 "Glory Be to the Father"

Prayer of Thanksgiving\*\*:

Let us pray:

**O God, we are marked by your spirit  
and challenged by your call.**

**Receive our offerings of prayer and money  
as signs of our gratitude and commitment,  
concern and dedication.**

**In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

Closing Hymn: 538 (*Tune 399*) "Wind Who Makes  
All Winds That Blow"

Closing Prayer: 329 "Prayer to the Holy Spirit"

Extinguishing of candles (including Christ Candle) and Postlude

Going Forth

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