

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday 13 June 2021**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

(2)

**ENTRANCE**

Lighting of candles and prelude

Praise choruses: 2164 "Sanctuary"  
2152 "Change My Heart, O God"

Call to Confession\*:

We have to be honest about what has been and what is.

**Nor for guilt, not for shame, but for honesty:  
that is why we confess.**

The miracle of new life comes when we are vulnerable  
and without our masks.

**Let us declare our lives.**

Let us pray.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession\*:

God, we haven't been all we could be. We have "settled for."

Settled for:

**Mistreatment of ourselves, others, and our world.**

**Believing that "this is all we can expect."**

**Thinking that "that's just the way things are."**

**Acting like we're in this alone.**

Forgive us, God. Prod us to be aware of what is promised,  
what is possible. Strengthen us to respond with all that we are.

Words of Assurance\*:

It is strange, but sometimes even in the middle of the not-so-pretty  
places something starts to change.

**Even when we don't do so well with one another or our world,  
God keeps working.**

We can be healed. We can celebrate even when things aren't  
perfect. God keeps working.

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**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for listening hearts and minds: 600 "Wonderful Words of  
Life" (*verse 1 only*)

First lesson: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalter: (*Insert: Alternate leader and people*) Psalm 20

Second lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Song: 2158 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Gospel lesson: Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: "*As they were able to hear it...*"

Joys, concerns, prayers

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)**

**(All are welcome)**

**SENDING FORTH**

Song: 524 "Beams of Heaven as I Go"

Closing prayer: 456 "For Courage to Do Justice"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth

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