

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 4 July 2021**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Independence Day Sunday**

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**ENTRANCE**

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

Patriotic Medley

\*Greeting\*: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

**The presence of God is the joy of the earth.**

Let the children of Judah rejoice!

**God will be our guide forever! Amen.**

*(Psalm 48)*

\*Opening Hymn: 698 "God of the Ages"

\*Opening Prayer\*:

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.

Inspire the minds of all women and men

to whom you have committed the responsibility

of government and leadership in the nations of the world.

Give to them the vision of truth and justice,

that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.

**Give to the people of our country**

**zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,**

**that we may use our liberty**

**in accordance with your gracious will.**

**Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;**

**purify our hearts to see and love the truth.**

**We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Andy Langford, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)*

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

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First Lesson: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalter: 782 Psalm 48

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

\*Hymn of Preparation: 358 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

\*Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Sermon: *"Three C's"*

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

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 12ff)**

**All are welcome**

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 437 "This Is My Song"

\*Benediction\*:

**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

\*Going Forth

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