

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 1 August 2021

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

Greeting: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,
so God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin
until it is found,
**so God rejoices over one soul
restored to wholeness.**

As a father receives a returning wayward son,
**so God welcomes us,
and lets the past be the past.**

Therefore let us praise God
in thanksgiving that we are received.
**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice
over one another
in the name of Jesus Christ.**
(Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)

*Praise Choruses: 2226 "Bind Us Together"
2227 "We Are the Body of Christ"

*Opening Prayer: 366 "For Guidance"

*Opening Hymn: 577 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 456 "For Courage to Do Justice"

First lesson: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)* Psalm 51:1-12

Second lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

*Hymn of Preparation: 339 "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Sermon: *"The whole story"*

Affirmation of Faith: 882 "The Apostles' Creed,
Ecumenical Version"

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 12ff)

(All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 623 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"

Blessing: May the presence of God the creator
give you strength;
**May the presence of God the Redeemer
give you peace;**
May the presence of God the Sustainer
give you comfort.

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**May the presence of God the Sanctifier
give you love. Amen.** (*United Methodist
Clergwomen's Consultation, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.*)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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