

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 11 July 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting^: I will speak of your decrees before kings,
and shall not be put to shame
I revere your commandments, which I love,
and I will meditate on your statutes.
(Psalm 119:46,48)

Praise Choruses: 2272 "Holy Ground"
2020 "Praise the Lord with
the Sound of Trumpet

*Opening Prayer^: Almighty God,
your servant John the Baptist
prepared the way for the advent of your Son.
Help us to follow his example
by constantly speaking the truth,
boldly rebuking vice,
and patiently suffering
for the truth's sake;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
(Thomas Cranmer, Alt.)

*Opening Hymn: 369 "Blessed Assurance"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: Page 594 "Come, Divine Interpreter"

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalter: 755 *(Response 1)* Psalm 24

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

*Hymn of Preparation: 2089 *(Tune 302)* "Wild and Lone
the Prophet's Voice"

*Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Sermon: *"I don't know."*

Affirmation of Faith: 885 "A Modern Affirmation"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Prayer: 677 "Listen, Lord (A Prayer)"

*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.

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 349 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving**:

O God, most merciful and gracious,
of whose bounty we have all received,
accept this offering of your people.

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**Remember in your love those who have brought it
and those for whom it is given,
and so follow it with your blessing
that it may promote peace and goodwill
among all peoples,
and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Presbyterian, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 511 "Am I a Soldier of the Cross"

Blessing: May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(Romans 15:13)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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^PREACHING THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY,
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