

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 18 July 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

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

***Greeting**:**

Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world,
but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call,
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out
of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.

**By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

(Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

Praise Choruses: Eight hymns in eight minutes

***Opening Prayer**:**

O God, you have built your Church
upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.

**Save the community of your people
from cowardly surrender to the world,
from rendering unto Caesar what belongs to you,
and from forgetting the eternal gospel
amid the temporal pressures of our troubled days.**

**For the unity of the Church we pray, and for fellowship
across the embittered lines of race and nation;
to growth in grace, building in love, enlargement in service,
increase in wisdom, faith, charity, and power,
we dedicate our lives;**

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Harry Emerson Fosdick, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

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*Opening Hymn: 580 "Lead on, O King Eternal"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 472 *(Verse 1 only)* "Near to the Heart
of God"

First lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)* Psalm 89:20-37

Second lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

*Hymn of Preparation: 548 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon: "Power"

Affirmation of Faith: 889 "Affirmation from 1 Timothy 2:5-6;
1:15; 3:16"

Joys, concerns, prayers

*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: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving**:

Almighty and most merciful God,

from you comes every good and perfect gift.

We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies.

Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us,
your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us,
your love has redeemed us.

**Give us a heart to love and serve you,
and enable us to show our thankfulness
for all your goodness and mercy
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Amen. *(The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.)*

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 540 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

*Dismissal with Blessing: Page 11

*Extinguishing of Candles/Postlude/ Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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