

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 25 July 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

Greeting**: Blow the horn in Zion;

Give a shout on my holy mountain!

Let all the people of the land tremble,

For the day of the Lord is coming.

It is near ---

Come, let us worship God.

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*Praise choruses: 2166 "Christ Beside Me"

2167 "More Like You"

*Opening Prayer**:

O God,

whose love like rolling ocean waves is never ceasing,

yet ever refreshing,

wash us in the clear, calm water of your mercy and grace

so that we may be made new, clean,

bathed in the tides of your forgiveness.

Through Christ in whom we are refreshed. Amen.

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*Opening Hymn: 111 "How Can We Name a Love"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 599 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

First lesson: 2 Samuel 11:1-15

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Psalter: 746 Psalm 14

Second lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

*Hymn of Preparation: 267 *(Tune 430)* "O Love, How Deep"

*Gospel: John 6:1-21

Sermon: *"More of the same"*

Affirmation of Faith: 881: "The Apostles" Creed,
Traditional Version"

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/Offerory

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

*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,

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**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: 666 "Shalom to You" *(Sing twice)*

*Blessing^: "A Prayer of St. Patrick"

**Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us,
Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
Christ on our right, Christ on our left,
Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where
we arise,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us,
Christ in every eye that sees us,
Christ in every ear that hears us.
Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of the Christ,
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us. Amen.**
(Saint Patrick, Ireland, 5th Cent., Alt.)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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