

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 22 August 2021

Thirteenth 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)*

*Call to Worship^: *(Tune: 513 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise")*

In fellowship, alone

To God with faith draw near;

Approach God's courts, besiege God's throne

With all the powers of prayer.

Go to God's temple, go,

Nor from God's altar move;

Let every house God's worship know,

And every heart God's love.

*Praise Choruses: 2042 "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"
2142 "Blessed Quietness"

*Opening Prayer: 2193 *(Sing twice)* "Lord, Listen
to Your Children Praying"

*Opening Hymn: 513 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 600 *(Verse 1 only)* "Wonderful Words
of Life"

First lesson: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Psalter: 804 *(Response: Last phrase of 600-- "Wonderful words
of life.")* Psalm 84

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

*Hymn of Preparation: 462 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

*Gospel: John 6:56-69

Sermon: "Grace"

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

Joys, Concerns

Call to Prayer^: *(Tune: 513)*

Pour out your souls to God,

And bow them with your knees,

And spread your hearts and hands abroad,

And pray for Zion's peace;

Your guides and brethren bear

Forever on your mind;

Extend the arms of mighty prayer,

Ingrasping humankind.

*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 to Join with Christ : 514 *(Verse 3 only)*
"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 90 *(Verse 4 only)* "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving: 88 (*Verse 1 only*)
"Maker, in Whom We Live"

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 369 Blessed Assurance

*Blessing^: (*Tune: 513*)

**Leave no unguarded place,
No weakness of the soul;
Take every virtue, every grace,
And fortify the whole;
Indissolubly joined,
To battle all proceed,
But arm yourself with all the mind
That was in Christ your head.**

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

**Indicates the people standing, if willing and able

^Charles Wesley, 1749 (originally 16 stanzas), based on Ephesians
6:13-18)