

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 5 September 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Labor Day Sunday^**

ENTRANCE

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

*Greeting**:

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

**The Lord forgives all our iniquity,
and heals all our diseases.**

The Lord redeems our lives from the pit,
and crown us with steadfast love and mercy.

**God satisfies us with good as long as we live
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

*Opening Prayer: 456 "For Courage to Do Justice"

*Opening Hymn: 592 *(Tune 395)* "When the Church of Jesus"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 393 "Spirit of the Living God"

First lesson: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)* Psalm 125

Second Lesson: James 2;1-17

*Hymn of Preparation: 367 "He Touched Me"

*Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: "We don't do that."

Affirmation of Faith: 886 "The World Methodist Social
Affirmation

*Joys and Concerns

*The Peace: Let us offer one another
signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*The Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

The Offering/Offertory.

*The Doxology: p. 95

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)
(All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 688 "God, That Madest Earth and Heaven "

*Closing Prayer**:

O God, you have bound us together in this life.

**Give us grace to understand how our lives depend
on the courage, the industry, the honesty,
and the integrity of all who labor.**

May we be mindful of their needs, grateful
for their faithfulness,
and faithful in our responsibilities to them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Reinhold Niebuhr, U.S.A., 20th cent., alt)

*Extinguishing of Candles/Prelude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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