

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 8 August 2021**

**Eleventh 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\*\*:

With all our heart, we take refuge in God most high,  
who created all things,  
the merciful Parent, Source of all goodness.

**With all our heart, we take refuge in Christ,  
the Redeemer from sin,  
who restores our true nature,  
the perfect and mysterious Word.**

**With all our heart, we take refuge in the One  
who embraces the universe,  
who at all times and in all places responds to our needs,  
the pure and tranquil Holy Spirit.**

*(Karl Ludwig Reichelt, Christian Mission to Buddhists,  
Hong Kong, 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*Praise Choruses: 2128 "Come and Find the Quiet Center"  
2145 "I've Got Peace like a River"

\*Opening Prayer\*\*:

**O God, we join with our sisters and brothers  
around the world  
in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us.**

**For the opportunity to eat and drink together,  
and for the life we have received,  
we give you thanks and praise.**

**In the abundance of your many gifts,  
grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love.  
Redeem, restore, and remold us until we are made new.**

**Transform our daily bread into the bread of life,  
and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation.**

**We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*(Barbara Dunlap-Berg, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Cent. Alt.)*

\*Opening Hymn: 178 "Hope of the World"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

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First lesson: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalter: 848 Psalm 130

Second lesson: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

\*Hymn of Preparation: 510 "Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon: "Working on it..."

Affirmation of Faith: 880 "The Nicene Creed"

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

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

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving\*\*:

**All things come from you, O God,  
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.  
You created all that is, and with love  
formed us in your image.  
When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.  
You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.  
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.  
And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,  
we offer you ourselves, and all that we have,  
in union with Christ's offering for us.  
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**  
*(Hoyt L. Hickman, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 672 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

\*Closing Prayer\*\*:

**Grant, O Lord,  
that what has been said with our lips  
we may believe in our hearts,  
and that what we believe in our hearts  
we may practice in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**  
*(John Hunter, Scotland, 19th Cent., Alt.)*

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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