

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 12 September 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting: 167 "Canticle of Christ's Obedience" *(Response 2)*

*Praise Choruses: 2069 "All Hail King Jesus"
2149 "Living for Jesus"

*Opening Prayer: 164 *(Tune 355)* "Come, My Way, My Truth,
My Life"

*Opening Hymn: 130 "God Will Take Care of You"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 543 *(Tune 624, Verse 1 only)*
"O Breath of Life"

First lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalter: 750 *(Response 1)* Psalm 19

Second lesson: James 3:1-12

*Hymn of Preparation: 103 "Immortal, Invisible,
God Only Wise "

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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Sermon: "God will take care of you."

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

Joys, concerns, prayers

Prayer**: "For Wisdom"

O Wisdom on High, by you the meek
are guided in judgment,
and light rises up in darkness for the godly.
**Grant us, in all doubts and uncertainties,
the grace to ask what you would have us do,
that we may be saved from all false choices,
and that in your light we may see light,
and in your straight path may not stumble;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

(The Book of Common Prayer, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)

*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"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving**:

O God, most merciful and gracious,
of whose bounty we have all received

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accept this offering of your people.

**Remember in your love those who have brought it
and those for whom it is given,
and so follow it with your blessing
that it may promote peace and goodwill
among all peoples,
and advance the kingdom
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Presbyterian, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 415 "Take Up Thy Cross"

Blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you;
**the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.**

(Numbers 6:24-26)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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