

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 26 September 2021

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 crowns 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.

*Praise Choruses: 2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

2222 "The Servant Song"

Opening Prayer: Almighty and all-loving God,

through your Son Jesus Christ

you have reconciled the world

to yourself.

Help us now to be reconciled

with one another,

that again we might dwell

in the warmth of your love.

Inspire us with your Holy Spirit

to put aside the cloak of pride

and put on Christ,

that we might forgive and be forgiven;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Michael J. O'Donnell, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

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First lesson: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalter: 846 Psalm 124

Second lesson: James 5:13-20

*Hymn of Preparation: 496 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Sermon: " Truth"

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

The Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,

let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

The Offering: *Offertory*

*The Doxology: 95 "Praise God,

from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving: 587 (*Tune 463*)

"Bless Thou the Gifts"

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 2146 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

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*Closing Prayer**: 106 "God Is Able"

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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