

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 24 October 2021

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday^

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:
Trust in the Lord and do good.
May the Lord give strength to the people!

O taste and see that the Lord is good!
God is our refuge and strength.
(The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.)

*Praise choruses: 2086 "Open Our Eyes"
2177 "Wounded World that Cries for Healing"

*Opening Prayer: 401 "For Holiness of Heart"

*Opening Hymn: 115 *(Tune:700)* "How Like a Gentle Spirit"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 454 *(Verse 1 only)* "Open My Eyes,
That I May See"

First lesson: Ruth 1:1-18

Psalter: 858 Psalm 146

Second lesson: Hebrews 9:11-14

*Hymn of Preparation: 408 "The Gift of Love"

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*Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Sermon: *"More than we know..."*

Affirmation of Faith: 889 "Affirmation from 1 Timothy 2:5-6;
1:15; 3:16"

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

*Doxology: 394 "Something Beautiful"

*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.**

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(Hoyt L. Hickman, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Blessing**:
May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
may the rains fall soft upon your fields,
**and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
Amen.**

(Traditional Gaelic Prayer, Alt.)

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/ Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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^"This day is observed on October 31 or the last Sunday in
October to remind us that on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther
issued his Ninety-five Theses in Wittenberg and began the
Protestant Reformation." (THE UNITED METHODIST BOOK
OF WORSHIP, op. cit.)