

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 26 December 2021

First Sunday after Christmas Day

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

Praise Choruses: Selected Carols

*Greeting**:
Let us praise the name of the Lord
For God's name alone is exalted.
Let all creation sing the glory of God's Name!
Praise the Lord! *(Psalm 148)*

*Opening Prayer: 231 "Christmas"

*Opening Hymn: 249 "There's a Song in the Air"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: **Grant, O God
the word of Christ to dwell in us richly,
so that, being clothed in love,
which binds everything together
in perfect harmony,
we may teach and admonish one another
in all wisdom,
through Christ the Light. Amen**

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalter: 861 Psalm 148

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

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*Hymn of Preparation: 256 "We Would See Jesus"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:41-52

Sermon: "Ready"

Affirmation of Faith: 888 "Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Prayers of Petition: *(Let silence follow each petition)*

**Let us pray for the gift of compassion.
Let us pray for a share
in the humility of Jesus.
Let us prayer for that meekness
which puts others first.
Let us pray for patience
in our daily relationships.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were called in the one body; and whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

*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: 219 *(Verse 3 only)* "What Child Is This"

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 240 *(Verse 3 only)* "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving**:

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O God, you have created the universe with such splendor
that all of it rises up to praise you.

**We, the people you have called to be your own,
join with sun and moon, stars and mountains,
in singing hymns of glory to your wonderful Name.
It was your Holy Spirit that sustained Samuel;
it was that same Spirit which gave wisdom
to the young Jesus in the Temple.
We thank you that you guide us also,
and we offer our gifts, and ourselves,
in gratitude and praise,
through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 251 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*Closing Prayer: 646 "Canticle of Love" (*Response 1*)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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