

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 23 January 2022**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

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\*Opening Hymn: 545 "The Church's One Foundation"

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Greeting\*: The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
**and the earth proclaims God's handiwork.**  
As we proclaim the praise of God,  
**may the words of our mouths  
and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable to God,  
our rock and our redeemer.** *(Psalm 19)*

\*Praise Choruses:

2224 "Make Us One"

2227 "We Are the Body of Christ"

\*Opening Prayer^:

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.  
Illumine the homes of this earth  
with the light of your love,  
granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely,  
endurance to those who care for sick family members,  
and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.

**We thank you for gifts of love we have received  
from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.**

**As we have been loved by you and by others,  
so may we love.**

**Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

*(Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 594 "Come, Divine Interpreter"

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalter: 750 Psalm 19 *(Response 1)*

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

\*Hymn of Preparation: 566 "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love"

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: "Act One"

Affirmation of Faith: 883: "A Statement of Faith of the United  
Church of Canada"

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^:

O God, most merciful and gracious,  
of whose bounty we have all received,  
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: 157 "Jesus Shall Reign"

\*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 willing and able

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