

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 20 February 2022**

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Greeting\*\*:  
Let us sing to the Most High,  
**The God in whom we trust.**  
Those who love the Lord will be delivered;  
**Protected are those who know God's name.**  
*(Psalm 91)*

\*Praise Choruses: 2171 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"  
2213 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

\*Opening Prayer\*\*:  
Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son endured  
temptation of the devil  
to lead the way of salvation:  
**Be present to us,**  
**and do not withhold your mercy from us,**  
**that we might always cling to you;**  
**Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
**who lives and reigns**  
**with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God for ever and ever. Amen.**  
*(Gelasian Sacramentary, Alt),*

\*Opening Hymn: 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 266 *(Verse 1 only)* "Heal Us,  
Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer"

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)* Psalm 37:1-11,39-40

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

\*Hymn of Preparation: 2146 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27-38

Sermon: *"Reflections of Kenya, by Martha and Biff Umhau"*

Affirmation of Faith: 884 "A Statement of Faith  
Of the Korean Methodist Church"

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: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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\*Prayer of Thanksgiving\*\*:

Almighty God,  
from the beginning you have watched over your chosen people.  
You took a wanderer and made him into a nation  
that was great among the nations.  
**You have given your angels charge over us  
that we should not be afraid.  
In this time of renewal, fill us with your Holy Spirit.  
Give us courage to resist temptation.  
Guide us by your grace as we do works of mercy.  
We offer you our gifts and ourselves  
in thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

### **SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 560 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

\*Closing Prayer^:

May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
*(Romans 15:13)*

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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