

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**ENTRANCE**

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

\*Greeting\*\*:  
Because the steadfast love of God is better than life,

**Our lips shall praise the Lord.**

Let us bless the Lord as long as we live;

**We lift our hands and call upon God's Name.**

*(Psalm 63)*

\*Opening Prayer\*\*:  
O God, with whom is the well of life  
and in whose light we see light:—

**Give to our thirsting souls**

**the refreshment of life**

**and restore to our darkened minds**

**the light from heaven;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**who with you and the Holy Spirit**

**lives and reigns,**

**one God in glory everlasting. Amen.**

*(Mosarabic Sacramentary, Alt.)*

\*Opening Hymn: 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 594 "Come, Divine Interpreter"

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalter: 788 *(Verses 1 through 8 only)* Psalm 63:1-8

Response: **God will take care of you.**

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Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

\*Hymn of Preparation: 361 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1-9

Sermon: "Wandering"

Affirmation of Faith: 106 "God Is Able"

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: 348 *(Verse 1 only)* "Softly and Tenderly  
Jesus Is Calling"

Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology: 349 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

\*Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving\*\*:

O God of everflowing grace,

you fill our every need and satisfy our every hunger.

As we come before you to feast on your goodness,

our mouths are filled with praise for your wonderful Name.

**From generation to generation**

**you have sustained your people.**

**In the deserts of life you bring forth springs of water.**

**You nurture us as your own beloved,**

**but we do not bear fruit.**

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**Forgive our sin and free us to follow with joy  
your righteous ways.**

**Give healing to the sick, peace to the dying  
and comfort to those who mourn.**

**We know that those who call upon your Name rejoice.  
Help us to rejoice anew, as we dedicate  
ourselves and our gifts to your service,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 672 "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

\*Blessing^: May the blessing of God, fountain of living water,  
flow within us as a river of life.

**May we drink deep of God's wisdom.**

**May we never thirst again.**

**May we go through life refreshing many,**

**as a sign of healing for all;**

**through the One who is Life eternal. Amen.**

*(Miriam Therese Winter, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*Extinguishing of Candles/Postlude/Going Forth

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\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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