

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday 1 May 2022**

**Third Sunday of Easter/Native American Ministries Sunday**

**ENTRANCE**

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

Prelude and candle lighting

Praise choruses:

Eight hymns in eight minutes

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Greeting/Opening prayer\*

First lesson: Acts 9:1-20

Psalter: 762 Psalm 30

Second lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

Song: 431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Gospel lesson: John 21:1-19

Sermon: *"The real thing"*

Joys, concerns, prayers

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION(Page 15ff)**

**All are welcome**

**SENDING FORTH**

Song: 377 "It Is Well with My Soul"

Blessing: "Prayer to the Holy Spirit": 329

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth

\*Prayer from The United Methodist Book of Worship (*Inspired by Oration of Chief Seattle, Native American, U.S.A., 19th Cent.*)

Every part of this earth is sacred.

**Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore,  
every mist in the dark woods,  
every clearing and humming insect is holy.**

The rocky crest, the meadow, the beasts and all the people,  
all belong to the same family.

**Whatever befalls the earth  
befalls the children of the earth.  
We are part of the earth, and the earth is a part of us.**

The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst.

**The perfumed flowers are our sisters,  
the air is precious,  
for all of us share the same breath.**

The wind that gave our grandparents breath  
also receives their last sigh.

**The wind gave our children the spirit of life.**

This we know, the earth does not belong to us.

**We belong to the earth.**

This we know, all things are connected.

**Like the blood which unites one family,  
all things are connected.**

Our God is the same God,  
whose compassion is equal for all.

**For we did not weave the web of life.  
We are merely a strand in it.**

Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves.

**Let us give thanks for the web  
and the circle that connects us.  
Thanks be to God, the God of all.**