

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday, 24 April 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:

Praise the Lord!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Give praise for God's mighty deeds;
Sing praise to God's surpassing greatness.
Praise the Lord! *:(Psalm 130)*

*Praise Choruses: 2070 "He Is Exalted"
2087 "We Will Glorify the King of Kings"

*Opening Hymn: 715 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

*Call to Worship^:

Today, on this Second Sunday of Easter, God calls us.

We thought we came here to call on God.

Before we were ever aware of God,

God was reaching out to us.

Then our worship is a response to God.

God has given us life, one another, and the spirit.

Our opportunity now is to accept and give thanks for these gifts.

So be it.

Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 335 "An Invitation to the Holy Spirit"

First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

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Psalter: 862 *(Response 1)* Psalm 150

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

*Hymn of Preparation: 420 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

Sermon: "Transparency"

Affirmation of Faith: 886 "The World Methodist Social Affirmation"

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"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving^:

Let us pray.

We offer this money, God, not just to keep our church going. Not even only to do your work in the world.

We offer these gifts primarily as a sign of our gratitude for life and as a symbol of our willingness to give our lives to you. Receive us, God; put us to work and to love in your name. Amen.

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*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 303 "The Day of Resurrection"

*Blessing^:

We gathered in this place today for praise and offering.

We scatter now in service and mission.

Do not let your celebration end here. As you serve the world,
speak the Word, act the Deed.

May God's power enable us all. Amen.

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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