

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 22 May 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

Greeting: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
And you will renew the face of the earth.
(Book of Prayers, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

*Praise Choruses: 2128 "Come and Find the Quiet Center"
2243 "We Are All One in Mission"

Opening Prayer:

Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us,
so God's Spirit is ever present and around us.

Come Creator into our lives.

We live and move and have our very being in you.

Open now the windows of our souls. Amen.

*(United Methodist Clergywomen's Consultation,
U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

*Opening Hymn: 93 "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"
(Tune: 10, The Methodist Hymnal 1964)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 599 *(Verse 1 only)* "Break Thou the
Bread of Life"

First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

Psalter: 791 *(Response: Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King! Hymn 93, Tune 10 op. cit.)*

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

*Hymn of Preparation: 723 "Shall We Gather at the River"

*Gospel Lesson: John 14:23-29

Sermon: *"Departure and outreach"*

Affirmation of Faith: 881 "The Apostles' Creed,
Traditional Version"

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:

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.**

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

**We offer ourselves and our gifts in glad thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 569 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you.
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
**the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.** *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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