

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. 18 September 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Lighting of Candles and Prelude

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

*Greeting**:
You have come from afar and waited long
and are wearied.
Let us sit side by side,
sharing the same bread
drawn from the same source
to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak.
Then, standing together
let us share the same spirit, the same thoughts
that once again draw us together
in friendship and unity and peace.
(Prayers d"Ozawamick, Canadian Indian, 20th cent.)

*Praise Choruses: 2037 "I Sing Praises to Your Name"
2149 "Living for Jesus"

*Opening Prayer: 677 "Listen, Lord"

*Opening Hymn: 426 *(Tune: 57)* "Behold a Broken World"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: Page 601:"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

First Lesson; Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

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Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people):* Psalm 79:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*Hymn of Preparation: 375 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-13

Sermon: "**Lots**"

Affirmation of Faith: 883 "A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

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

The Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

*The Gloria Patri: Page 70

*Prayer of Thanksgiving: 587 *(Tune: 463)*"Bless Thou the Gifts"

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 451 "Be Thou My Vision"

*Dismissal with Blessing^:
God hears our prayers.

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And God responds.

Our assurance is that even when we forget,
God remembers.

God never gives up. We are invited to begin again.

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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