

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 16 October 2022
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

***Greeting**:** From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family:
with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah,
Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.
**Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us
into the covenant
and makes us ministers
of Christ's righteousness.**

All Christian ministry is Christ's work
of outreaching love.
It demonstrates a common life
of gratitude and devotion, witness and service,
celebration and discipleship.

**All Christians are called
to Christ's servanthood in the world,
to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

(Adapted from The Book of Discipline 1992, Par.101-07)

*Praise Choruses: 2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
2152 "Change My Heart, O God"

*Opening Prayer: 392 "Prayer for a New Heart"

*Opening Hymn: 467 "Trust and Obey"

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 598 *(Verse 1 only)*
"O Word of God Incarnate"

First Lesson; Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate leader and people)* Psalm 119:97-104

*Response: 70 "Gloria Patri"

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

*Hymn of Preparation: 582 *(Tune 430)* "Whom Shall I Send?"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: **"Can you believe this?"**

Affirmation of Faith: 882 "The Apostles' Creed,
Ecumenical 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/Offerory

*Doxology: 95: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving**:

Almighty and most merciful God,
from you comes every good and perfect gift.

We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies.

**Your goodness has created us,
your bounty has sustained us,
your discipline has chastened us,
your patience has borne with us,
your love has redeemed us.**

**Give us a heart to love and serve you,
and enable us to show our thankfulness
for all your goodness and mercy
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and cheerfully submitting in all things
to your blessed will;**

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 567 "Heralds of Christ"

*Closing Prayer: 597 "For the Spirit of Truth"

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth_

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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