

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday 16 October 2022**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday**

**ENTRANCE**

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

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

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 service in the world,  
to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer: 393 "Spirit of the Living God"

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

Song: 600 "Wonderful Words of Life"

Gospel lesson: Luke 18:1-8

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

Joys, concerns, prayers

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

**All are welcome**

**SENDING FORTH**

Song: 560 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Blessing: *(Unison)* **The blessing of Almighty God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
abide with all.  
Amen.**

**Postlude and extinguishing of candles**

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