

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 23 October 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:

Praise is due to God in Zion;

To God we will offer our praise!

God answers our prayers!

We rejoice to dwell in God's holy temple.

(Psalm 65)

*Praise Choruses: 2027 "Now Praise the Hidden God of Love"
2062 "The Lily of the Valley"

*Opening Prayer^:

God of grace and glory,
we thank you that you judge us not
by the perfection of our actions,
but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.

**Help us, as individuals and as a congregation,
to trust you and follow where you lead,
that in Christ your name may be glorified
in all the earth. Amen.**

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

*Opening Hymn: 128 "He Leadeth Me"

(2)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 543(Tune 624) "O Breath of Life"

First Lesson; Joel 2:23-32

Psalter: 789 Psalm 65

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

*Hymn of Preparation: 133 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: "**Confession**"

Affirmation of Faith : 889 "Affirmation from 1 Timothy"

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.

The Offering/Offertory

*The Doxology: 587 (Tune: 463) "Bless Thou the Gifts"

(3)
SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 407 "Close to Thee"

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

**Copyright (C) 1994 by The Order of St. Luke

^THE UNITED METHODIST BOOK OF WORSHIP

Copyright (C) 1992 The United Methodist Publishing House