

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 15 January 2023
Second Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Day
(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:1/15-1/22)

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting: John the Baptist declared in John 1:
*Here is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world!"*
Thanks be to God!

*Praise Choruses: 2164 "Sanctuary"
2113 "Lamb of God"

Noting the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January)

Recognition of Human Relations Day

Reflections on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

*Opening Hymn: 519 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalter: 774: Psalm 40:1-11

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*Hymn of Preparation: 357 "Just As I Am"

*Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-42

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Sermon: "**One world**"

*Affirmation of Faith: 886 "The World Methodist Social Affirmation"

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 and Intercession**:
Let us pray in Christian unity. O God,
**You love justice and establish peace on earth.
We bring before you the disunity of today's world;
the absurd violence, and the many wars,
which are breaking the courage
of the people of the world:
militarism and pollution, which threaten life
on the planet
human greed and injustice, which breed
hatred and strife.**
For what else shall we pray? (*prayers welcomed*) ;
Send Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth;
Teach us to be compassionate
towards the whole human family;
**Strengthen the will of all those
who fight for justice and for peace;
lead all nations into the path of peace,
and give us that peace which the world cannot give.**

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**We offer ourselves and our gifts in the name
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Amen. (*World Council of Churches : Textes liturgiques:
Louons Dieu et celebrons la vie (C) Masamba ma Mpolo
Mengi Kilandanoko, Zaire 1988, alt.*)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 2130 "The Summons"

*Blessing: 106 "God Is Able"

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

***Resources from the website of the World Council of Churches,
used 15 January 2008 at the meeting of the Northeast Ministerium,
held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church (Harford Rd)*