

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 5 March 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:
In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.
Isaiah 30:15b-c

*Praise Choruses: 2085 "He Came Down"
Insert "For God So Loved the World"

*Opening Prayer**:

O God, you so loved the world
as to give your only begotten Son,
that whosoever believes in him should not perish
but have everlasting life;

**Grant to us the precious gift of faith,
that we may know that the Son of God is come,
and may have power to overcome the world
and gain a blessed immortality;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.)

*Opening Hymn: 369 "Blessed Assurance"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 479 *(Verse 4 only) (Tune 399)*
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalter: 844 UMH Psalm 121 *(Response 3)*

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Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*Hymn of Preparation: 338 "Where He Leads Me
I Will Follow"

*Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Sermon: "Us and them"

Affirmation of Faith: 887 "Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39"

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 AND COMMUNION

All are welcome

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"

The Great Thanksgiving (Page 15ff)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 654 "How Blest Are They
Who Trust in Christ"

*Closing Prayer**:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. *(Romans 15:13)*

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*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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