

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 28 May 2023

Pentecost Sunday

ENTRANCE

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

Prelude

*Greeting***: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live.
We will sing to the Lord while we have being.
God sends forth the Spirit and all is made new.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever!
(Psalm 104)

*Praise Choruses: 2272 "Holy Ground"
2227 "We Are the Body of Christ"

*Opening Prayer: 542 "Day of Pentecost"

*Opening Hymn: 540 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 602 "Concerning the Scriptures"

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate leader, people)* Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Hymn of Preparation: 332 "Spirit of Faith, Come Down"

*Gospel Lesson: John 7:37-39

Sermon: "What is it?"

Affirmation of Faith: 884 "A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church"

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Joys, Concerns, Prayers~

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: 329

*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^:
God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day
for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit.
**We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small,
that you have poured out upon your children.**
**Accept us with our gifts
to be living praise and witness to your love
throughout all the earth;
through Jesus Christ, who lives with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever. Amen. (Don E. Saliers, U.S.A.,
20th Cent.)**

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 404 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*Blessing^: May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope

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by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
(Romans 15:13)

*Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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~Memorial Day Prayer: (The Wideness of God's Mercy/Litanies to Enlarge Our Prayer, Vol 2 – Prayers for The world: An Ecumenical Collection Compiled and Adapted by Jeffery W. Rowthorn, Copyright 19 85, Winston Press, Inc.)

~Memorial Day Prayer:

“Confession in a Nuclear Age”

We confess our readiness to excuse and exempt ourselves from our nation's acts and policies.

(*Response: **Open us, Lord, to your truth, and lead us to repentance.***)

We confess our nation's pride in winning the race to develop and use the first atomic bombs. **Response**

We confess our continuing national pride which has produced and perfected thousands of death-dealing nuclear weapons. **Response**

We confess our deep and abiding fear and hatred of our enemies which blinds this nation to your judgement of our own evil acts. **Response**

We confess that our nation clings to its stockpile of weapons to protect its power and wealth in the face of the earth's suffering millions. **Response**

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We confess the national idolatry which allows our leaders to plan for the death of millions in a nuclear war in the name of national security and survival. **Response**

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.
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