

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 28 May 2023

Pentecost Sunday

(2)

ENTRANCE

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

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer: 542 "Day of Pentecost"

First lesson: Acts 2:1-21

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

Second lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Song: 538 *(Tune 399)* "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"

Gospel lesson: John 7:37-39

Sermon: "What is it?"

Joys, concerns, prayers*

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

All are welcome:

SENDING FORTH

Song: 404 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Blessing: 329 "Prayer to the Holy Spirit"

Postlude and Extinguishing of candles/Going forth

***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**

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.

SOJOURNERS FELLOWSHIP

*** (The Wideness of God's Mercy): Litanies to Enlarge Our Prayer, Volume 2, Prayers for the World: An Ecumenical Collection**
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