

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 7 May 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles (including Christ Candle)

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

*Greeting**:
Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.
**Those who believe in me, even though they die,
will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
will never die.**"

*Praise Choruses: Eight hymns in eight minutes

*Opening Prayer**:

O God, our grove, our lover, our well:
In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us
into your garden.

**Marry us for now and for ever, and give us to eat
from the tree of life;
through Christ our Lord. Amen. Alleluia.**
(Ezek.47:12; Isa. 5:l; Jn.4:14)

*Opening Hymn: 60 "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"

Moments with Youth

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: Page 6

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate leader, people)* Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

*Hymn of Preparation: 172 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

*Gospel Lesson: John 14:1-14

Sermon: "Turning"

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

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^:

Our Refuge and our Rock, God of heaven and earth,
you have saved your people by your steadfast love.
**So, we come before you to sing our thanksgiving.
You have given birth to your Church
and have set Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone.
You have called us to be a chosen race, a holy nation
and a royal priesthood.
Knowing that you redeem us all, O Lord,
we commend to you those
who need your rescue this day
from the assaults of illness and injury**

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**upon their bodies, their souls, and their spirits.
Hear your people this day, O merciful God,
and accept our offering of ourselves and our gifts,
For we pray in the Name of him who is the Way,
the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE TABLE (Page 15ff)

All are welcome

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 529 "How Firm a Foundation"

*Blessing**:
May the presence of God the Creator
give you strength;

**May the presence of God the Redeemer
give you peace;**

**May the presence of God the Sustainer
give you comfort.**

**May the presence of God the Sanctifier
give you love. Amen**

*(United Methodist Clergywomen's Consultation, U.S.A.,
20th Cent., Alt.)*

*Extinguishing of Candles (including Christ Candle) and Postlude

***Going Forth**

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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