

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday 16 July 2023**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

Praise choruses: 2166 "Christ Beside Me"

2076 "O Blessed Spring"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 2160 (*Verse 1 only*) "Into My Heart"

First lesson: Genesis 25:19-34

Psalter: (*Insert, alternate leader and people*) Psalm 119:105-112

Second lesson: Romans 8:1-11

Song: 57 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Gospel lesson: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: *"This, too..."*

Joys, concerns, prayers

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)**

**All are welcome**

**SENDING FORTH**

Song: 480 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Affirmation of Faith: 887

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth