

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 23 July 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

Praise choruses: 2236 "Gather Us In"

2190 "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 388 (*Verse 1 only*) "O Come and Dwell
in Me"

First lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalter: (*Insert, alternate leader and people*) Psalm 139:1-12,
23-24

Second lesson: Romans 8:12-25

Song: 414 (*Tune 710*) "Thou Hidden Love of God"

Gospel lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon: "*Seriously.*"

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

All are welcome

SENDING FORTH

Song: 533 "We Shall Overcome"

Closing prayer: 497 "Send Me, Lord"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth