

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 30 July 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

Praise choruses: 3096 "Gentle Shepherd"

3097 "Depth of Mercy"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

First lesson: Genesis 29:15-28

Psalter: (*Insert, alternate leader and people*) Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Second lesson: Romans 8:26-39

Song: 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Gospel lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon: *"I wish I understood..."*

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

(All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

Song: 2160 "Into My Heart" (*Verse 2 only*)

"Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39" 887 UMH

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/ Going forth.