

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 6 August 2023

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements:

Greeting: Enter God's sanctuary with thanksgiving
and find refuge from the storm.
Come! Let us worship the Lord and touch eternity.
We will behold God's likeness and be satisfied.

Praise Choruses: 2260 "Let Us Be Bread"
2246 "Deep in the Shadows of the Past"

Opening Prayer:

Even when our faith falters, O Lord
we will not let you go.
Because we need your blessing, Holy One,
we will not let you go.
Struggle with us, wrestle with us,
strive with us until the dawn, O Lord,
We will not let you go.
We need your blessing, O God,
and we will not let you go. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: 386 "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: UM 477 "For Illumination"

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalter: UM 749 Psalm 17:1-7, 15

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Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

*Hymn of Preparation: 616 "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: "My Dad wore garters."

Affirmation of Faith: 882 "The Apostles' Creed,
Ecumenical Version"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 12ff)

All are welcome

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 624 "Bread of the World"

Blessing: My people are hungry. Give them something to eat.
There are too many to feed.
My people are hungry. Give them something to eat.
We have only five loaves and two fish.
My people are hungry. Give them something to eat.
It would take a miracle.
With God, all things are possible.
Praise God! Praise God! Praise God! Amen.

Extinguishing of Candles/Postlude/Going Forth

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