

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 10 September 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Call to Worship**:

What are you looking for?

We are looking for light.

Why light?

Light gives hope. Light points the way to truth.

Light lets us see ourselves and the world clearly.

God said, "Let there be light."

And there was light.

Let us worship and praise this Light-Giving God.

*Praise Choruses

*Opening Prayer**:

Come, O God, our needs are always with us.

So often it seems impossible

that we can solve our own problems,

much less the problems of the world.

We don't feel smart enough, strong enough,

good enough.

Help us, O God, to claim the brokenness

and the promise as places where

we might find you.

Let us be fed and refreshed

by awareness and hope.

Receive our lives: doubts and beliefs,

hopes and fears, failures and successes.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Opening Hymn: 448 "Go Down, Moses"

Prayer for Illumination: 600 *(Verse 3 only)*
"Wonderful Words of Life"

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate leader and people)*
Psalm 149

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

*Hymn of Preparation: 384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

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.

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Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving**:

Let us pray.

**Holy Spirit you have given us life and love
and each other. In response, we offer you
our money, our time, and ourselves
in order to spread that life and love.
Put us to work and to love where you will,
with those near or far.**

**In the name of Christ, receive our offering.
Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 549 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

*Benediction**:

We go both to receive and to share.

Let it warm and brighten you and the world.

By God's grace, the Light shines.

Amen.

And Amen.

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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