

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 24 September 2023

Seventeenth 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"

2126 "All Who Hunger"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for illumination: 473 "Lead Me, Lord."

First lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)*

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Second lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

Song*: *(Tune 175)* "Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care"

Gospel lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: "Good preaching"

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

All are welcome

SENDING FORTH

Song: 191 "Jesus Loves Me"

Blessing: 409 "For Grace to Labor"

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going forth

"Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care"

Lord, it belongs not to my care

Whether I die or live;

To love and serve Thee is my share,

And this Thy grace must give.

If life be long, I will be glad

That I may long obey;

If short, yet why should I be sad

To soar to endless day?

Christ leads me through no darker rooms

Than He went through before;

He that into God's kingdom comes

Must enter by this door.

Come, Lord, when grace has made me meet

Thy blessed face to see;

For, if Thy work on earth be sweet,

What will Thy glory be!

My knowledge of that life is small,

The eye of faith is dim;

But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,

And I shall be with Him.

(Richard Baxter, 17th cent., English)

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