

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 26 May 2024**

**Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday**

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**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

Greeting\*\*: No one has ever seen God;  
**If we love one another,  
God lives in us, and God's love  
is perfected in us. 1 John 4:12 Alt.)**

\*Praise Choruses: 3150 "Father, We Have Heard You Calling"  
2046 "Womb of Life"

Opening Prayer\*\*: Everlasting God:  
You have revealed yourself as Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit,  
and ever live and reign in the perfect unity  
of love.  
**Grant that we may always hold  
firmly and joyfully to this faith,  
and, living in praise of your divine majesty,  
may finally be one in you;  
who are three persons in one God,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**  
*(Church of South India, 20th Cent., Alt.)*

Opening Hymn: 64 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 465 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalter: 761 Psalm 29

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

Hymn of Preparation: 383 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Sermon

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Peace with Justice Sunday Prayer (see below)

The Peace: Let us offer one another\  
signs of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

The Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

Gloria Patri: 70 "Glory Be to the Father"

Offering Prayer: 87 "What Gift Can We Bring?"

The Lord's Prayer: 895

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**SENDING FORTH**

Closing Hymn: 557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Closing Prayer: 669 "The Apostolic Blessing"

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

Going Forth

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Peace with Justice Sunday Prayer\*\*:

(Response: ***O Lord, deliver us***)

From self-righteousness that will not compromise,  
and from selfishness that gains by the oppression of others, **R**

From the lust for money or power that drives to kill, **R**

From trusting in the weapons of war,  
and mistrusting the councils of peace, **R**

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations, **R**

From suspicions and fears that stand  
in the way of reconciliation, **R**

From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice,  
and hatred;

from everything that prevents us from fulfilling  
your promise of peace, **R**

**Amen.** (*U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Cent., Alt.*)