

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. 23 June 2024
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

***Call to Worship**:**

God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us
this past week.

**We have come for this hour of worship
to make ourselves more aware of God
and to give thanks for God's presence with us.**

God is here even now, ready to strengthen us
and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

Fill us with your spirit, O God.

**Draw us into this service of worship
that we might be prepared to join you in your activity
in the world beyond these walls.**

Praise Choruses: 2084 "Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise"
2216 "When We Are Called
to Sing Your Praise

*Opening Hymn: 529 "How Firm a Foundation"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 388 *(Verse 1 only)* "O Come and Dwell
in Me "

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate leader and people)* Psalm 9:9-20

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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*Hymn of Preparation: 533 "We Shall Overcome"

*Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 881 The Apostles' Creed, Traditional
Version

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.

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 587 *(Tune:463)* "Bless Thou the Gifts"

***Prayer of Dedication**:**

To whom shall we turn when in need?
God stands with open arms, willing to help all in need.
God, we do not have much to give.
Your prayers, time, talents and offerings will do just fine.
Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 514 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

***Closing Prayer**:**

Sisters and brothers, we are not dismissed. We are not

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just free to go. We are sent.

**We go in the power of the Spirit to love and to serve;
to help and to heal.**

Go with the love and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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**“The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the
servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state.”**

Martin Luther King, Jr.