

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 9 June 2024**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Greeting\*: 275 *(Spoken)* "The Kingdom of God"

\*Praise Choruses: 2070 "He Is Exalted"  
2009 "O God Beyond All Praising"

\*Opening Prayer\*:

May the warm winds of heaven blow softly on our house.

**May the Great Spirit bless all who enter here. Amen.**

*(Traditional Cherokee Nation Prayer)*

\*Opening Hymn: 545 "The Church's One Foundation"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

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

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 8: 4-15

Psalter: 853 Psalm 138

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

\*Hymn of Preparation: 405 "Seek Ye First"

\*Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Sermon

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Prayer: 495 "The Sufficiency of God"

Affirmation of Faith: 887 "Affirmation from Romans  
8:35, 37-39"

Joys and Concerns

Prayer: 429: "For Our Country"

\*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: 92 *(Verses 1,4, 6)* "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*Prayer of Dedication^:  
Let us pray.

**All that we have and are we place before you, our Creator.  
In this worship you have seen what our lives have been  
and what they may be.  
Receive us now as a people dedicated to doing your will  
for the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 524 "Beams of Heaven as I Go"

\*Closing Prayer^:

We have done the things we set out to do. We have experienced  
more than we thought we would.

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**We have sung, we have prayed, we have listened, and we have heard. We have been touched, and we have touched.**

If we are set on fire to spread the Good News --- to serve and love others --- we are ready to leave.

**We are ready.**

Go in peace.

**Amen.**

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

\*Going Forth

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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