

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 14 July 2024**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Greeting^: I will speak of your decrees before kings,  
**and shall not be put to shame**  
I revere your commandments, which I love,  
**and I will meditate on your statutes.**  
*(Psalm 119:46,48)*

Praise Choruses: 2020 "Praise the Lord with the  
Sound of Trumpet"  
2089 "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

\*Opening Prayer^: Almighty God,  
your servant John the Baptist  
prepared the way for the advent of your Son.  
**Help us to follow his example**  
**by constantly speaking the truth,**  
**boldly rebuking vice,**  
**and patiently suffering**  
**for the truth's sake;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.** *(Thomas Cranmer, Alt.)*

\*Opening Hymn: 369 "Blessed Assurance"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalter: 755 *(Response 1)* Psalm 24

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

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\*Hymn of Preparation: 388 "O Come and Dwell in Me"

\*Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 885 "A Modern Affirmation"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Prayer: 677 "Listen, Lord (A Prayer)"

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

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving\*\*:

**O God, most merciful and gracious,**  
**of whose bounty we have all received,**  
**accept this offering of your people.**  
**Remember in your love those who have brought it**  
**and those for whom it is given,**  
**and so follow it with your blessing**  
**that it may promote peace and goodwill**  
**among all peoples,**  
**and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior**  
**Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Presbyterian, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)*

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\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 511 "Am I a Soldier of the Cross"

\*Blessing\*: May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
*(Romans 15:13)*

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

\*\*THE UNITED METHODIST BOOK OF WORSHIP,  
*Copyright (C) 1992 The United Methodist Publishing House*  
^PREACHING THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY,  
Abingdon Press, 1993, Year B, After Pentecost 1, page 109.