

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 21 July 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

***Greeting**:** We cry to the Lord, "You are our God.
You are the rock of our Salvation.
God's faithfulness and steadfast love are with us,
And in God's Name we are exalted.
(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 230)

***Praise choruses:** 2164 "Sanctuary"
3093 "Fill My Cup, Lord"

***Opening Prayer^:**

O God, you have built your Church
upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets.
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
**Save the community of your people
from cowardly surrender to the world,
from rendering unto Caesar what belongs to you,
and from forgetting the eternal gospel
amid the temporal pressures of our troubled days.
For the unity of the Church we pray,
and for fellowship across the embittered lines
of race and nation;
to growth in grace, building in love,
enlargement in service,
increase in wisdom, faith, charity, and power,
we dedicate our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**
(Harry Emerson Fosdick, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

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

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 541 *(Verse 1 only)* "See How Great
A Flame Aspires"

First lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalter: Psalm 89:20-37 (beginning on page 808, using response 2)

Second lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

***Hymn of Preparation:** 558 "We Are the Church"

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 889 "Affirmation from 1 Timothy 2:5-6;
1:15; 3:16"

Joys, concerns

***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:** 70 "Glory Be to the Father"

***Prayer of Thanksgiving^:**

Almighty and most merciful God,
from you comes every good and perfect gift.
We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies.
Your goodness has created us,

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your bounty has sustained us,
your discipline has chastened us,
your patience has borne with us,
your love has redeemed us.

**Give us a heart to love and serve you,
and enable us to show our thankfulness
for all your goodness and mercy
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and cheerfully submitting in all things
to your blessed will;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**
(The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 540 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

*Dismissal with Blessing: Page 11

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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Please pray and read the following Scriptures this week, to
prepare for worship next Sunday:

(Lectionary texts for 29 July)