

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 4 August 2024**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Greeting\*\*:  
As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,  
**so God seeks and saves the lost.**

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin  
until it is found,  
**so God rejoices over one soul  
restored to wholeness.**

As a father receives a returning wayward son,  
**so God welcomes us,  
and lets the past be the past.**

Therefore let us praise God  
in thanksgiving that we are received.  
**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice  
over one another  
in the name of Jesus Christ.**  
*(Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*Praise Choruses: 3150 "Father, We Have Heard You Calling"  
2227 "We Are the Body of Christ"

\*Opening Prayer: 366 "For Guidance"

\*Opening Hymn: 114 "Many Gifts, One Spirit"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: Page 6

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First lesson: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)* Psalm 51:1-12

Second lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

\*Hymn of Preparation: 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 882 "The Apostles' Creed,  
Ecumenical 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 AND COMMUNION**

**(All are welcome)**

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Page 20ff MUSICAL SETTING C

The Lord's Prayer: 895

The Breaking of Bread

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Giving the Bread and Cup

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 672 "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

\*Blessing\*: May the presence of God the creator  
give you strength;

**May the presence of God the Redeemer  
give you peace;**

May the presence of God the Sustainer  
give you comfort.

**May the presence of God the Sanctifier**

**give you love. Amen.** *(United Methodist  
Clergywomen's Consultation, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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