

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday 7 July 2024**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost/Independence Day Sunday**

**ENTRANCE**

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

Praise choruses: 2214 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

2149 "Living for Jesus"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Opening prayer:

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.

Inspire the minds of all women and men

to whom you have committed the responsibility  
of government and leadership in the nations of the world.

Give to them the vision of truth and justice,

that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.

**Give to the people of our country**

**zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,**

**that we may use our liberty**

**in accordance with your gracious will.**

**Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;**

**purify our hearts to see and love the truth.**

**We pray all these things through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

*(Andy Langford, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Cent)*

First lesson: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalter: 782 Psalm 48

Second lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Song: 697 "America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee) "

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Sermon

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Joys, concerns, prayers

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)**

**(All are welcome)**

**SENDING FORTH**

Song: 696 "America the Beautiful"

Blessing: 429 "For Our Country"

Extinguishing of candles/postlude/Going forth