

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8:30 a.m. Sunday 1 September 2024
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Labor Day Sunday*

ENTRANCE

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

Call to worship: 646: "Canticle of Love" (*Response 1*)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 393 "Spirit of the Living God"

First lesson: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalter: (*Insert, alternate leader and people*) Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

Second lesson: James 1:17-27

Song: 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)
All are welcome

SENDING FORTH

Song: 557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Closing Prayer*:

O God, you have bound us together in this life.

**Give us grace to understand how our lives depend
on the courage, the industry, the honesty,
and the integrity of all who labor.**

(2)

**May we be mindful of their needs,
grateful for their faithfulness,
and faithful in our responsibilities to them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Reinhold Niebuhr, U.S.A., 20th cent., alt.)

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth

*"Observed the first Monday in September, this day of rest and relaxation honoring all who work originated in 1882 in New York City with a parade organized by a machinist and a carpenter. Churches sometimes observe the previous day as Labor Day Sunday."

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