

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 25 August 2024**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Call to Worship<sup>^</sup>: *(Tune: 513 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" )*

**In fellowship, alone**

**To God with faith draw near;**

**Approach God's courts, besiege God's throne**

**With all the powers of prayer.**

**Go to God's temple, go,**

**Nor from God's altar move;**

**Let every house God's worship know,**

**And every heart God's love.**

\*Praise Choruses: 2037 "I Sing Praises to Your Name"  
2042 "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"

\*Opening Prayer: 2193 *(Sing twice)* "Lord, Listen  
to Your Children Praying"

\*Opening Hymn: 513 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 600 *(Verse 1 only)* "Wonderful Words  
of Life"

First lesson: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Psalter: 804 *(Response: Last phrase of 600-- "Wonderful words  
of life.")* Psalm 84

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

\*Hymn of Preparation: 462 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

(2)

\*Gospel: John 6:56-69

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 882 "The Apostles' Creed,  
Ecumenical Version"

Joys, Concerns

Call to Prayer<sup>^</sup>: *(Tune: 513)*

**Pour out your souls to God,**

**And bow them with your knees,**

**And spread your hearts and hands abroad,**

**And pray for Zion's peace;**

**Your guides and brethren bear**

**Forever on your mind;**

**Extend the arms of mighty prayer,**

**In grasping humankind.**

Pastoral 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 to Join with Christ : 514 *(Verse 3 only)*

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Offering

\*Doxology: 90 *(Verse 4 only)* "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving: 88 *(Verse 1 only)*  
"Maker, in Whom We Live"

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

(3)  
**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 369 “Blessed Assurance”

\*Blessing^: (*Tune: 513*)

**Leave no unguarded place,  
No weakness of the soul;  
Take every virtue, every grace,  
And fortify the whole;  
Indissolubly joined,  
To battle all proceed,  
But arm yourself with all the mind  
That was in Christ your head.**

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

\*\*Indicates the people standing, if willing and able

^Charles Wesley, 1749 (originally 16 stanzas), based on Ephesians  
6:13-18)