

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 15 September 2024**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Greeting: 112 "Canticle of Wisdom" *(Response 2)*

\*Praise Choruses: 2002 "I Will Call Upon the Lord"  
2165 "Cry of My Heart"

\*Opening Prayer: 164 *(Tune 355)* "Come, My Way, My Truth,  
My Life"

\*Opening Hymn: 77 "How Great Thou Art"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 543 *(Tune 624, Verse 1 only)*  
"O Breath of Life"

First lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalter: 750 *(Response 1)* Psalm 19

Second lesson: James 3:1-12

\*Hymn of Preparation: 338 "Where He Leads Me "

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 881 "The Apostles' Creed,  
Traditional Version"

Joys, concerns, prayers

Prayer\*\*: "For Wisdom"

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O Wisdom on High, by you the meek  
are guided in judgment,  
and light rises up in darkness for the godly.

**Grant us, in all doubts and uncertainties,  
the grace to ask what you would have us do,  
that we may be saved from all false choices,  
and that in your light we may see light,  
and in your straight path may not stumble;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*(The Book of Common Prayer, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*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/Offerory

\*Doxology: 2003 "Praise You"

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving\*\*:

O God, most merciful and gracious,  
of whose bounty we have all received,  
accept this offering of your people.

**Remember in your love those who have brought it  
and those for whom it is given,  
and so follow it with your blessing  
that it may promote peace and goodwill  
among all peoples,  
and advance the kingdom  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Presbyterian, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)*

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

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**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 185 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

\*Blessing\*\*:  
The Lord bless you and keep you;  
**the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. Amen.**  
*(Numbers 6:24-26)*

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going forth

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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