

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 22 September 2024**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Greeting: 657 "This is the Day"

\*Praise Choruses: 2004 "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning"  
2176 "Make Me a Servant"

\*Opening Hymn: 369 "Blessed Assurance"

\*Opening Prayer\*\*:

God, like a bakerwoman,  
you bring the leaven which causes our hopes to rise.  
**With your strong and gentle hands, shape our lives.**  
**Warm us with your love.**  
**Take our common lives**  
**and touch them with your grace,**  
**that we may nourish hope among humanity.**  
**We pray trusting in your name,**  
**through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**  
*(Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 603 (*Verse 3 only*) "Come, Holy Ghost,  
Our Hearts Inspire"

First Lesson: Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalter: 738 (*Response 2*) Psalm 1

Second lesson: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

\*Hymn of Preparation: 402 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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\*Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 887 "Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39

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**

Invitation: 349 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Offering/Offertory

\*Gloria Patri: 70 "Glory Be to the Father"

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving: 587 (*Tune 463*)  
"Bless Thou the Gifts"

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 530 "Are Ye Able"

\*Closing Prayer: 531 "For Overcoming Adversity"

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Gong Forth

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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