

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 29 September 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

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

*Greeting**:
Bless the Lord, O my soul!
And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits.
**The Lord forgives all our iniquity,
and heals all our diseases.**
The Lord redeems our lives from the pit,
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.
**God satisfies us with good as long as we live
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

*Praise Choruses: 2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians
by Our Love

*Opening Prayer**:
Almighty and all-loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled the world
to yourself.
**Help us now to be reconciled
with one another,
that again we might dwell
in the warmth of your love.**
**Inspire us with your Holy Spirit
to put aside the cloak of pride
and put on Christ,
that we might forgive and be forgiven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
(Michael J. O'Donnell, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 599 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

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First lesson: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalter: 846 Psalm 124

Second lesson: James 5:13-20

*Hymn of Preparation: 496 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Sermon

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

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

The Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

The Offering/Offertory

*The Doxology: 95 "Praise God,
from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 479 (*Tune: Martyn*) "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

*Closing Prayer**:
106 "God Is Able"

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*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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