

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**8:30 a.m. Sunday 20 October 2024**  
**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday**

**ENTRANCE**

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

Prelude and lighting of candles

Praise choruses: 2031 "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"  
2222 "The Servant Song"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for illumination: 454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"  
*(Verse 2 only)*

First lesson: Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)* Psalm 104:1-9, 24,  
35c

Second lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

Song: 77 "How Great Thou Art"

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)**  
**All are welcome**

**SENDING FORTH**

Song: 415 "Take Up Thy Cross"

Benediction: 570 "Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth

**Litany for Laity Sunday**

From the beginning, God entered into covenant  
with the human family:  
with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah,  
Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.

**Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us  
into the covenant  
and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.**

All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love.  
It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion,  
witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

**All Christians are called to Christ's servanthood  
in the world,  
to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

The Church, as the community of the new covenant,  
participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

**It stretches out to human needs  
wherever service may convey God's love and ours.**

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:  
**that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator,  
and that all Christians are called to minister  
in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.**

*(Adapted from The Book of Discipline 1992, Par. 101-07)*