

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 10 November 24

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting** This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.**

The hour is coming, and now is,
when true worshipers will worship the Father
in spirit and truth,
for such the Father seeks to worship him.

**Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise!
Give thanks to God, bless God's name!**
(The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.)

*Praise Choruses: 2065 "More Precious than Silver"
2108 "O How He Loves You and Me"

* Prayer of Confession**:

O God, source of all that makes life possible,
giver of all that makes life good:
We gather to give you our thanks,
yet we confess that we have often failed
to live our thankfulness.

**What we have we take for granted,
and we grumble about what we lack.
We have squandered your bounty,
with little thought of those who will come after us.
We are more troubled by the few who have more**

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than by the many who have less.
**Forgive us, O God.
In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving,
and teach us to make gratitude and sharing
our way of life;
through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Paul J. Flucke, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)

*Opening Hymn: 384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 601 "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

First Lesson: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate leader and people)* Psalm 127

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:24-28

*Hymn of Preparation: 408 "The Gift of Love"

*Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Sermon

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

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

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Offering

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

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

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 421 "Make Me a Captive, Lord"

*Dismissal**: Serve your God with patience and passion.

Be deliberate in enacting your faith.

Be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit's power.

And may peace be your way in the world. **Amen.**

(Glenn E. Rainsley, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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