

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 19 January 2025
Second Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Day

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:
The love of God extends to the heavens
and God's faithfulness extends to the clouds.
How precious is God's steadfast love,
for all may take refuge in the shadow of
God's wings. *(Psalm 36:5-10)*

*Praise Choruses: Eight hymns in eight minutes

*Litany^: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.
As we gather in this place, allow your Spirit
to fill our very being.

As we worship today,
we remember our brothers and sisters who are
worshipping elsewhere throughout the world.
Inspire each of us to work more faithfully
for justice and dignity of life everywhere.

Raise our vision above the barriers
of color, culture, and creed that separate us.
Give us wisdom as we deal with one another.
Help us to recognize and to respect different ways,
rather than to judge.

In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served,
but to serve, we now must walk in the world.

We must reach out our hands with help
and open our hearts in love.

Awake in us the desire to seek your way
of serving you in the world.

Amen. *(Nancy R McMaster, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

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*Opening Hymn: 130 "God Will Take Care of You"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: Page 6

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalter: Page 771 Psalm 36:5-10
(Response: Page 73, last line only:
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*Hymn of Preparation: 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Gospel Lesson: John 2:1-11

Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith: Page 886 "The World Methodist
Social Affirmation"

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.

Offering/Offertory

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving**:
O God, in your infinite wisdom

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you have given to your church
a variety of gifts, all made active by your Holy Spirit.
Your love for us has given us a new name,
that we might not be called forsaken.

**As we celebrate the wine of gladness this day,
we lift up those who are drinking
a cup of bitter affliction.**

**Uplift by your presence the many
who have no cause to rejoice;
relieve the physical and spiritual pain
of those who are suffering, and grant them peace
O Fountain of Life, fill our cup and answer our prayers,
for we offer them, and all that we have and are,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 560 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

*Blessing: 106 "God Is Able"

*Extinguishing of candles and postlude/Going forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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