

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 16 February 2025

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

ENTRANCE

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

*Greeting**:
Happy are those who delight in God's law;
In all they do they will prosper.
The Lord watches over the way of the righteous.
Therefore, let us praise the Lord. *(Psalm 1)*

*Praise Choruses: 2214 "Lead Me, Guide Me"
2076 "O Blessed Spring"

*Opening Prayer: 392 "Prayer for a New Heart"

*Opening Hymn: 310 "He Lives"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 332 "Spirit of Faith, Come Down" (vv 1,4)

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalter: 738 *(Response 2)* Psalm 1

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*Hymn of Preparation: 307 "Christ Is Risen"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:17-26

Sermon

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

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Joys and 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 Lord our God, the author and giver of all good things,
we thank you for all your mercies,
and for your loving care over all your creatures.
**We bless you for the gift of life,
for your protection round about us,
for your guiding hand upon us,
and for the tokens of your love within us.
We thank you for friendship and duty,
for good hopes and precious memories,
for the joys that cheer us,
and the trials that teach us to trust in you.
Most of all we thank you
for the saving knowledge of your Son our Savior,
for the living presence of your Spirit, the Comforter,
for your Church, the body of Christ,
for the ministry of Word and Sacrament,
and all the means of grace.
In all these things, O heavenly God,
make us wise for a right use of your benefits,
that we may render an acceptable thanksgiving**

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**unto you all the days of our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 398 "Jesus Calls Us"

*Closing Prayer^:

Grant, O Lord,

that what has been said with our lips

we may believe in our hearts,

and that what we believe in our hearts

we may practice in our lives;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(John Hunter, Scotland, 19th Cent., Alt.)

*Extinguishing of Candles/Postlude/Going Forth _____

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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