

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 23 February 2025

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:
Let us sing to the Most High,
The God in whom we trust.
Those who love the Lord will be delivered;
Protected are those who know God's name.
(Psalm 91)

*Praise Choruses: 2226 "Bind Us Together"
2146 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

*Opening Prayer**:
Almighty God,
whose blessed Son endured
temptation of the devil
to lead the way of salvation:
**Be present to us,
and do not withhold your mercy from us,
that we might always cling to you;
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**
(Gelasian Sacramentary, Alt),

*Opening Hymn: 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 266 *(Verse 1 only)* "Heal Us,
Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer"

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader and people)* Psalm 37:1-11,39-40

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Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

*Hymn of Preparation: 390 *(Tune 57)* "Forgive Our Sins
as We Forgive"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27-38

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 884 "A Statement of Faith Of the
Korean Methodist Church"

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**:
Almighty God,
from the beginning you have watched over your chosen people.
You took a wanderer and made him into a nation
that was great among the nations.
**You have given your angels charge over us
that we should not be afraid.
In this time of renewal, fill us with your Holy Spirit.
Give us courage to resist temptation.
Guide us by your grace as we do works of mercy.
We offer you our gifts and ourselves
in thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 175 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

*Closing Prayer^:

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(Romans 15:13)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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