

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 16 March 2025**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

\*Greeting\*\*:  
The Lord is our light and salvation;  
**The Lord is the stronghold of our life.**  
We shall see the Lord's goodness in our time.  
**Therefore let us wait for the Lord.** *(Psalm 27)*

\*Opening Prayer: 691 "For Protection at Night"

\*Opening Hymn: 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 153 *(Tune 710); (Verse 1 only);  
"Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose"*

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalter: 758 Psalm 27

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

\*Hymn of Preparation: 479 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"  
*(Tune: Martyn ... p. 126, The Methodist Hymnal 1966)*

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 883 "A Statement of Faith  
of the United Church of Canada"

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Children's special time

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**

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

The Offering/Offerory

\*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: 415 "Take Up Thy Cross"

\*Sung Benediction: 2279 *(Sing Twice)* "The Trees of the Field"

**\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/ Going Forth**

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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