

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 23 March 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:
Because the steadfast love of God is better than life,

Our lips shall praise the Lord.

Let us bless the Lord as long as we live;

We lift our hands and call upon God's Name.

(Psalm 63)

*Opening Prayer**:
O God, with whom is the well of life
and in whose light we see light:—

Give to our thirsting souls

the refreshment of life

and restore to our darkened minds

the light from heaven;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who with you and the Holy Spirit

lives and reigns,

one God in glory everlasting. Amen.

(Mosarabic Sacramentary, Alt.)

*Opening Hymn: 339 "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 594 "Come, Divine Interpreter"

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalter: 788 *(Verses 1 through 8 only)* Psalm 63:1-8

Response: God will take care of you. (130, last 2 measures)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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*Hymn of Preparation: 410 "I Want a Principle Within"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1-9

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 106 "God Is Able"

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/Offertory

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

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

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 629 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

*Blessing^: May the blessing of God, fountain of living water,
flow within us as a river of life.
May we drink deep of God's wisdom.
May we never thirst again.
May we go through life refreshing many,
as a sign of healing for all;

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through the One who is Life eternal. Amen.
(Miriam Therese Winter, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth _____

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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