

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 30 March 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:
Many are the torments of the wicked

**But steadfast love surrounds those
who trust in the Lord.**

Be glad in the Lord, O righteous,

And shout for joy, you upright in heart!

(Psalm 32)

*Opening Prayer: 639 "Bread and Justice"

*Opening Hymn: 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 579 "Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us
Here" *(Verse 1 only)* (Tune 710)

First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalter: 766: Psalm 32

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Hymn of Preparation: 348 "Softly and Tenderly"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon

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

Children's Special Time

(2)

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/Offerory

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving: 446 "Serving the Poor"

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 2197 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

*Closing Prayer^: May we see Christ in one another
**that we may be healers and peacemakers
in Christ's name.
Amen.**

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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