

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 6 April 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

Greeting: Praise the Lord, who has done great things for us.

Let our tongues shout for joy.

God will turn our tears into shouts of joy.

We rejoice in the Lord's abundance!

(Psalm 126)

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, in whom all things are made new,
and in whom nothing is cast aside,

**Grant us your grace, that, being intent
on fasting and prayer,**

we may be delivered from our bodily and spiritual enemies;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever... Amen.

(Gelasian Sacramentary, Alt.)

*Opening Hymn: 159 "Lift High the Cross"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 414 *(Tune: 2191)*

(Verses 1 and 5 only) "Thou Hidden Love of God"

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalter: 847: *(Response 2)* Psalm 126

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

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*Gospel Lesson: John 12:1-8

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 885 "A Modern Affirmation"

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.

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

The Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 172 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (All are welcome)

The Great Thanksgiving *(Musical Setting C, Page 20ff)*

The Lord's Prayer: *(Page 895)*

Giving the Bread and Cup

Giving Thanks

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 453 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

*Closing Scripture: *(Unison):*

Forgetting what lies behind

and straining forward to what lies ahead,

I press on toward the goal

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for the prize of the heavenly call of God
in Christ Jesus. Amen.

(Philippians 3:13b-14)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude_

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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