

North Bethesda United Methodist Church

November 9, 2025 UMCOR Sunday

Prelude "Monkland" (C.S Lang) Simon Charette

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship Pamela Major

Like the first disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

We come ready to receive what God has to give.

Just as manna was provided to God's people in the wilderness,

We trust that we will receive the gift of the Spirit's power and inspiration.

Just as the resurrected Christ empowered and then sent his disciples to all corners of the world,

We believe that Christ gives us what we need and sends us as bearers of light and manna, everywhere we go.

As the lifegiving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,

May we be filled, convicted, and sent out in hope. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "All Who Hunger" TFWS 2126

Readings, Reflections, and Prayers for UMCOR Sunday

Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-11 Pamela Major

Reflection

"Jerusalem": Our Home and Community

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-22 Bob Dean

Reflection and Prayer

Hymn "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" UMH 427 v. 1-3,6

"Judea": Our Nation

Scripture Reading Luke 9:1-17 Bob Dean

Reflection and Prayer

Hymn "Wounded World That Cries for Healing" TFWS 2177

"Samaria": Those Who Are "Not Like Us"

Scripture Reading Luke 10:25-37 Janet Replogle

Reflection and Prayer

Hymn "O God of Every Nation" UMH 435

"The Ends of the Earth": God's World

Scripture Reading

Reflection and Prayer

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name/Enviado Soy de Dios"

Luke 24:44-49

TFWS 2184

Janet Replogle

"Thanks Be to God Forever" (Haydn) NBUMC Choir

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*Doxology

Offertory

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

*Unison Prayer

Hymn

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for your faithfulness and provision in every facet of our lives and every corner of the world. We thank you for organizations like UMCOR that reflect your love in the world. We offer our hearts, our hands and our resources to you, asking for your guidance as we are sent to love those close to us, those not like us, and those who are far away. May we be vessels of your love, bringing hope wherever there is despair and restoration where there is brokenness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH 431

*Blessing & Postlude

"Postlude in G" (Gustav Merkel)

Simon Charette

*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

The Call to Worship and Unison Prayer are taken from ResourceUMC.org's offerings for UMCOR Sunday.

Take Note!

- Join us after worship today to pack **hygiene kits for UMCOR**. Our goal is to pack 300 kits, which will be sent as part of relief outreach to aid in disaster recovery. People of all ages are encouraged to come help!
- We invite everyone to participate in a weekly day of prayer and fasting every Monday, as we remember
 those whose SNAP benefits are in jeopardy, and all who suffer from hunger in our region, nation, and world.
 The Sanctuary will be open from 9am to noon and again from 6pm-8pm on Mondays, beginning tomorrow.
 We also encourage everyone to consider a weekly donation to local food assistance programs. Our church
 made a \$3000 donation to Manna this last week, and we will make additional donations of all that comes
 through our giving portal that is designated "for Manna and/or Bethesda Help."
- Our **NBUMC Men's Group** is looking forward to their brunch gathering this coming Saturday, November 15th, from 10am-noon. The food has been ordered, but if you are new or missed the sign-up deadline, we can surely still welcome you on Saturday. Just email Zach Elkin (elkin6f1@gmail.com). Thank you to everyone who signed up--see you there!
- We are excited to host our first-ever "**Christmas Free Store**" event on November 22nd: We have invited those who are in challenging financial times due to layoffs, the government shutdown, or other circumstances to come to our church to do their Christmas Shopping for free. We are collecting children's toys and holiday decorations, either new or used but in gift condition (no damage; something you would be proud to give as a gift.) Donations may be brought to the church through Sunday, November 16th. Contact Rev. Kara if you would like to volunteer to help sort donations the week of November 16th, or help day-of.

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