



North Bethesda United Methodist Church

November 16, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

“Voluntary in C Major” (Henry Purcell)

Simon Charette

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Pamela Major

God calls us to gather:

We bring our sorrows,

our failures,

and our wonderings.

We gather for healing,

for laughter

and to rejoice.

We gather to find new ways of loving

new ways of thinking

new ways of being.

We gather—

Yes, always we gather,

for it is in gathering that we find our hope.

It is in gathering that we encounter God.

*Opening Hymn “Hakuna Wakaita sa Jesu/There’s No One in This World Like Jesus”

W&S 3036

Word for All Ages

Welcoming New Members: Ruth Balderas, Alyson Malcolm, and Scott Roby

First Congregational Response: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Second Congregational Response: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Prayers of the People

Anthem

"The Prayer" (Engelbert Humperdink)

NBUMC Choir

Scripture Readings

Genesis 21:8-21
Luke 16:19-31

Pamela Major

Message

"A Great Chasm"

Rev. Kara

Offertory

*Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

Unison Prayer

Creator of all that has been, is, and will be: you are the God who sees us. You are the God who sustains us. How can we ever thank you for all that you have granted us? For you have granted us our very lives, creating us in your own divine image, and calling us good. Thank you for the capacity and the privilege of giving. May these gifts, which we give right back to you, transform hunger into nutritious food; literacy into education; thirst into clean, accessible water; disease into healing; displacement into welcome; and despair into hope. We humbly ask you to consecrate these gifts for the transformation of lives and communities. To you, God, be the glory! Amen.

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*Closing Hymn

"For the Healing of the Nations"

UMH 428

Blessing & Postlude

"Magnificat" (Michel Corette)

Simon Charette

*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

The Call to Worship is by Pat Uribe-Lichty, and the Unison Prayer is adapted from the worship resources offered by the United Church of Christ.

Take Note!

- Join us for our first **Christmas Free Store** event this coming Saturday, 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, through this coming Tuesday, November 18th. We are also looking for people to help provide hospitality for our guests this Saturday; please let Rev. Kara know if you are willing to take a shift!
- Believe it or not, it's beginning to look a lot like Advent! We invite everyone to stay after worship next Sunday, November 23rd, to help **decorate our Sanctuary** for the coming season. Many hands make light work! We will also have a hearty Coffee Hour with a few different kinds of chili to refuel afterward!

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