

# WELCOME

Church In Bethesda is a multi-denominational, multicultural, open & inclusive community, connecting our city through spirituality, education, and service.

We seek to serve people of all races, genders, ages, cultures, orientations, family configurations, physical and mental conditions, and all other distinctions that make up the beautiful tapestry of God's creation.

## Words

In some traditional prayers, hymns, and scripture passages, God is often portrayed as gender-specific. As we pray, sing, and learn together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of God.

# SINGING

## Holy Is The Lord

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### Verse

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He

### Bridge

And together we sing  
And everyone sing

### Chorus

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory

# SINGING

## Maker Of All

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### Verse 1

Worthy is the Lord  
God of tribes and tongues  
Wonderful the Maker of us all

Moving in all nations

In all denominations

Beautiful the Maker of us all

### Verse 2

Worthy is the Lord  
God of tribes and tongues  
Wonderful the Maker of us all

Moving in all nations

In all orientations

Beautiful the Maker of us all

### Chorus

And we sing holy  
What a Mystery  
With us in the storm and in the calm

And we sing holy

What a Mystery

With us in the rise and in the fall

The Maker of us all

### Verse 2

Worthy is the Lord  
Who rains upon us all  
Water for the thirsty and the flawed

Sustaining all we see

Even enemies

For opportunities to share this Love

# THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## Xochitl Castro

We're glad you're here! Welcome back if you've been here before, and a very special welcome if you're here for the first time.

## CiB Kids

Our program for kids, K through 5th grade happens right now, downstairs. During The Passing Of The Peace, you may take your children there if they would like to join the other kids.

## The Passing Of The Peace

This is a time for us to greet one another in the spirit of peace.

# A SONG OF CENTERING

## Good, Good Father

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### Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories  
of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
of love in the dead of night  
And You tell me that You're pleased  
and that I'm never alone

### Chorus

You're a good, good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are,  
it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am  
it's who I am

### Verse 2

I've seen many searching  
for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching  
for answers only You provide  
'Cause You know just what we need  
before we say a word

### Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

### Verse 3

Love so undeniable  
I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
into love, love, love

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

## Eliana LaMadrid

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever.

# SERMON

## Ryan Phipps

"The Mark Of Open-Mindedness"

"The people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth."

—Acts 17:11

# A TIME OF REFLECTION

## Ryan Phipps

### Communion

We take time each Sunday to remember the love of God for us symbolized by bread and wine.

## Candles

You are invited to light a candle representing a loved one, a sign of peace, a prayer, or a concern.

## Giving

We donate financially as gestures of gratitude and worship. You are invited to place your offerings in the box at the back of the room.



*You may also give digitally by snapping the QR code*

## Table Time

This is a time for us to engage with an object lesson to help us further contemplate our lesson from today.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Penny Yao

This is a time for us to share our celebrations and concerns with the community. All are welcome to share.



*You may also email us your prayer requests by snapping this QR code.*

# NEWS

Michael Orevba

## Announcements

We have plenty for you to be involved with and to keep you engaged throughout the week. Please see the insert include here for more information.



*Would you like to receive email from CiB?. Snap the QR code.*

# CLOSING SONG

## This Love

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This love is higher than  
the highest of mountains

This love is deeper than  
the deepest of seas

This love, it stretches to  
the farthest horizon

And this love  
it reaches to me

# BENEDICTION

Rhea Noumair

a few departing words of blessing as we  
head into the coming week

# AFTER WORSHIP

May we pray with you?

If you have a need, a fear, a hurt, or a triumph to share with God, we'd love to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary after the worship service concludes.



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# WELCOME



SNAP HERE TO  
SAVE TREES

# NEWS

THINGS TO BE A PART OF AT CiB



## 2024 Financial Update

We are entering the new year with a considerable deficit. We want be a community that operates responsibly and in financially sustainable ways.

Would you consider setting up a recurring donation via our PayPal account? Anything you are able to give goes a long way. You may reach our PayPal account by visiting [churchinbethesda.org/give](http://churchinbethesda.org/give).

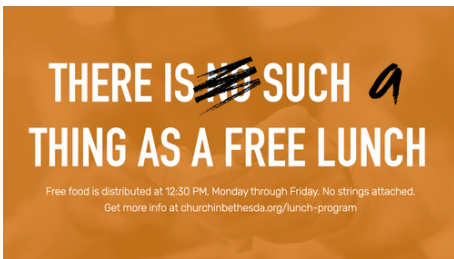
Thank you for considering.

## Everyone deserves a safe space to be heard.

*Thursdays*

Pastor Ryan leaves two open appointments on his calendar every Thursday for anyone who would like to chat. No strings attached.

Whatever your reason, pastor Ryan is available to chat with you in a confidential environment where you will be listened to and responded to with love.



## Everyone Should Eat

If you are in need of meals, come to the back entrance of the church Monday through Friday at 12:30 PM for free food.



Get more info at [churchinbethesda.org/lunch-program](http://churchinbethesda.org/lunch-program).

