

# 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 God's creation.

## Words

In some traditional prayers, hymns, and scripture passages, God is 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.

## GOSPEL READING

Michael Orevba

[Luke 24:13-27](#)

Now that same day two of them were walking to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who

does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" Jesus asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

## SINGING

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

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Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia  
Once He died but now alive, Alleluia  
In us each the Spirit strives, Alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia  
Prince of peace, the battle won, Alleluia  
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!  
Light and life shall fill the skies, Alleluia

Son of glory, Son of Dawn, Alleluia  
Quarrels cease, Thy Kingdom come, Alleluia  
Thee to know and Thee to find, Alleluia  
Heaven open up our eyes, Alleluia

## GOSPEL READING

McKenna Merz

[Luke 24:28-32](#)

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?"

## SINGING

The Wonderful Cross

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[Verse 1](#)

When I survey the wondrous Cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain, I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?  
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown

[Chorus](#)

Oh the wonderful Cross,  
Oh the wonderful Cross  
Bids me come and die  
And find that I may truly live

Oh the wonderful Cross  
Oh the wonderful Cross  
All who gather here by grace draw near

And bless Your name

[Verse 2](#)

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all

## GREETING OF PEACE

Peace Be With You

This is a time for us to greet one another in the spirit of peace. Find familiar faces and new ones as you room about the room.

## SERMON

Recognizing Repetition

[Passage:](#) Luke 24:28-32

[Perspective:](#) The resurrected Christ chose to reveal himself at the dinner table.

[Practice:](#) Eat with others... often.

## SEATING & SINGING

Come To The Table

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Come to the table of mercy  
Prepared with the wine and the bread  
All who are hungry and thirsty  
Come and your soul will be fed

Come at the Lord's invitation  
Receive from His open hands  
Drink of the gift of salvation  
Eat and your soul will be fed

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

## Congregation

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.

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

## Let's eat!

Join us now for food and conversation at the tables provided. Come and eat your fill.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## Congregation

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

# NEWS

## What's happening at CiB?

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



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# SINGING

## Bind Us Together

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Bind us together  
Lord, bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together  
Lord, bind us together  
Bind us together with love

# BENEDICTION

## Words Of Blessing



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# WELCOME

AND HAPPY EASTER!



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SAVE TREES

# NEWS

THINGS TO BE A PART OF AT CiB



## Your skills are needed here!

If you are interested in volunteering around the church during the week, we have plenty for you to be a part of!

We are specifically looking for people with a basic knowledge of any of the areas below.

[Social Media](#), [Marketing](#), [Communications](#), [Human Resources](#), [Workers Compensation](#)

If you're interested in volunteering, kindly email Desiree Saba at [office@churchinbethesda.org](mailto:office@churchinbethesda.org).



## Everyone deserves a safe place to be heard.

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).

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