YOU ARE SAFE HERE

Church In Bethesda is a multidenominational, 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

Take My Life And Let It Be

Ill music is used by permission under CCLI License #11275957.

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be Consecrated Lord to Thee Take my moments and my days Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee

Verse 2

Take my voice and let me sing Melodies and songs for Thee Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee Take my silver and my gold Not a mite would I withhold Take my intellect and use Every power as You choose

Chorus

Here am I All of me Take my life It's all for Thee

Verse 3

Take my will and make it Thine It shall be no longer mine Take my heart it is Thine own Open and shall be your home

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Your feet its treasure store Take myself and I will be Ever only all for thee

WELCOME

Mckenna Merz

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 other in the spirit of peace. Please be COVID conscious, as some might prefer not to engage in physical touch.

SINGING

How He Loves

All music is used by narmission under CCLLI inanse #11275057

Verse 1

He is jealous for me Loves like a hurricane I am a tree Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy When all of a sudden I am Unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory

And I realize just how beautiful you are And how great your affections are for me

Pre-Chorus

Oh how He loves us, oh Oh how He loves us, how He loves us all

Chorus

He loves us, oh how He loves us Oh how He loves us, oh He loves

Chorus

Oh how he loves you and me Oh how he loves you and me

He gave us life What more could he give? Oh how he loves you and me

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bob Z.

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

"Knowing And Believing"

PASSAGE

"We have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love; and those that dwell in love dwell in God, and God in them." -1 John 4:16

PERSPECTIVE

"But the man who is not afraid to admit everything that he sees to be wrong with himself, and yet recognizes that he may be the object of God's love precisely because of his shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. His sincerity is based on confidence, not in his own illusions about himself, but in the endless, unfailing mercy of God."

—Thomas Merton

REFLECTION

Michael Orevba

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 peace, a prayer, or in the memory of a loved one.

Giving

We give 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 using the QR code on the offering box.

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

Megan Nunez

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

All are welcome to share.

NEWS

Jacki Kwan

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.

CLOSING SONG

This Love

All music is used by permission under CCLI License #11275957.

Verse

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 This love, it reaches to me

BENEDICTION

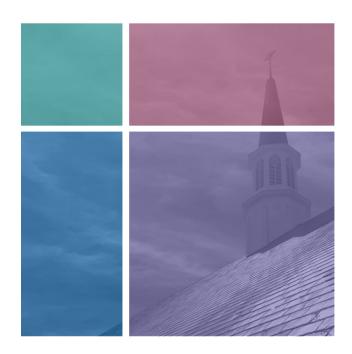
Eliana Lamadrid

Post Service Prayer

If you have a need, a fear, a hurt, or a triumph to share with God, Tom and Allison would love to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary after the worship service concludes. Anything you share will be held in confidence, no matter your circumstance. You are safe here

Guest Book

Before departing, please take a minute to fill out our guest book in the lobby. We would love to stay in touch with you!



AUGUST 6, 2023
WELCOME

