

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

Better Is One Day / Steadfast Love

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Verse 1

How lovely is your dwelling place
Oh, Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts

Than thousands elsewhere

Verse

The steadfast love
of the Lord never ceases
And his great mercies will never ever fade
They are new every morning
New every morning
Great is their faithfulness

Outro

Better is one day
Better is one day
Better is one day
Than thousands elsewhere



THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Anna Centeno

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

Beyond Imagination

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Verse 1

Beyond imagination
Bigger than the stars
Beyond an explanation
I feel it in my heart

Beyond a calculation
Or numbers on a chart
Beyond imagination
Hidden in my heart

Chorus

This is everything
This is everything
This is everything
Everywhere in everything

Verse 2

Beyond imagination
Light inside the dark
Beyond a destination
It's been there from the start

Beyond classification
The fire and the spark
Beyond imagination
And hidden in my heart

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lurette and Jepte Palime

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

"Edge Walkers"

God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine according to the power at work within us. —Ephesians 3:20

A TIME OF REFLECTION

Mckenna Mers

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 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

Mike Lee

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

NEWS

Lisa Dale

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.



CLOSING SONG

Bind Us Together

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Verse

I have a light
And it always shines
It shines in the day
It shines in the night
When the dark days come
And the sun isn't bright
I will be shining
Because I have a light

BENEDICTION

Raphael Salamon

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

MAY WE PRAY WITH YOU?

After Worship

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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