# WELCOME

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

#### He Is Exalted

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#### Verse

He is exalted The King is exalted on High I will praise Him He is exalted, forever exalted And I will praise His Name

#### Chorus

He is the Lord Forever His Truth shall reign Heaven and earth Rejoice in His Holy Name He is exalted, the King is exalted on High

### SINGING

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

#### Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

#### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

#### Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

#### Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God, who called me here below Will be forever mine

#### Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, My Savior has ransomed me And like a flood his mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Chris Harkins** 

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

Surrender

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#### Verse 1

Here I am down on my knees again Surrendering all, Surrendering all

Find me here, Lord as You draw me near Desperate for You, Desperate for You I surrender

#### Verse 2

Drench my soul, As mercy and grace unfold I hunger and thirst, I hunger and thirst With arms stretched wide, I know You hear my cry

Speak to me now, Speak to me now Like a rushing wind, Jesus breathe within Lord have your way, Lord have your way in me

Like a mighty storm, Stir within my soul Lord have your way, Lord have your way in me

I surrender I surrender I want to know You more I want to know You more

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### Don Braverman

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

"Cave People"

#### 1 John 4:7-8

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this same way, the love of God was revealed to us."

#### To Remember

To be human is to love.

#### For Notes

## A TIME OF Reflection

Xochitl Castro

#### 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

Eliana Lamadrid

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

### NEWS

Jacki Kwan

#### 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

#### Verse

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

#### Chorus

There is work for our hands Ground for our feet

### BENEDICTION

Bob Z.

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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