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

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

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Verse

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You

Chorus

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy, holy, holy

Bridge

Holy, holy, holy We cry holy, holy, holy You are holy, holy, holy I want to see you

SINGING

Take My Life

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Verse 1

Sometimes the sun doesn't come but I see your face
Sometimes the wind doesn't come but I feel your presence
Sometimes all problems come in the same think
My life is renewed with all your love you gave me

Chorus

Only you, walked on water Only you, don't throw the stone Only you, love the unlovable Only you, called me a friend

Verse 2

Sometimes old friends don't recognize me Sometimes the hungry child sees no mercy Sometimes the broken house doesn't see a light Your love is the power for anyone who wants to fly

Bridge

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus Your kingdom comes

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Natalie Mediouini

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

Yeshua

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Verse

My Beloved is The most beautiful Among thousands and thousands

Chorus

Jesus

Bridge

And Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power Yours is the glory forever, Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Linda Peri & Raphael Salamon

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 Long Search"

God has made everything beautiful in its time. God has also set eternity in the hearts of people, so

that they are unable to comprehend the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end. —Ecclesiastes 3:11

To Remember

Our deepest questions are evidence that God is working in us.

A TIME OF 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 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

Michael A. O'Sullivan

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

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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

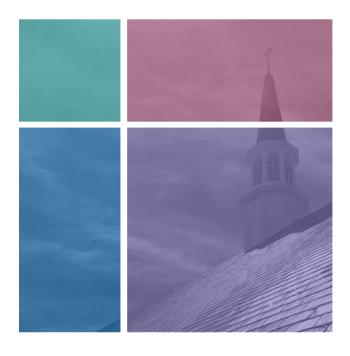
Penny Yao

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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