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, religions, and all other distinctions which 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

Everlasting God

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Verse 1

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

Pre Chorus

Our God, You reign forever Our hope, our strong Deliverer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God The everlasting God You do not faint You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need You lift us up on wings like eagles

SINGING

What A Beautiful Name

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Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus

What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

Bridge

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave

The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names

WELCOME

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

McKenna Merz

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.

A SONG OF CENTERING

We invite you to sit and listen to a song before we hear from the scriptures.

Fighting For Me

Verse 1

I need the kinda love that can outlast the night I need the kinda love that is willing to fight

When the going gets tough And my strength's not enough I see You showing up like never before This battle for my heart You took on from the start You are the peace when my mind's at war

Chorus:

You will never stop fighting for me When I can't fight for myself

Every word is a promise You keep 'Cause You love me like nobody else

You stand up for me in the darkest night When my faith is weak You're still by my side

You will never stop fighting for me You will never stop fighting for me

Verse 2

In the perfect timing You make all things right You paint a silver lining in this heart of mine

When the going gets tough And my strength's not enough I see You showing up like never before

This battle for my heart You took on from the start You are the peace when my mind's at war

Bridge

Your love is winning me over Your heart is pulling me closer Your love is winning me over Your heart is pulling me closer

SERMON

Ryan Phipps
"A Busy Heart"

Passage: "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

—Proverbs 4:23

Perspective: I lied and said I was busy. I was busy; but not in a way most people understand. I was busy taking deeper breaths. I was busy silencing irrational thoughts. I was busy calming a racing heart. apologize for it. —Brittin Oakman

FOR NOTES

I was busy telling myself I am okay.

Sometimes, this is my busy - and I will not

REFLECTION

Ryan Phipps

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

Lisa Dale

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

All are welcome to share.

May we pray with you after worship?

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.

NEWS

Lisa Dale

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

SINGING

This Love

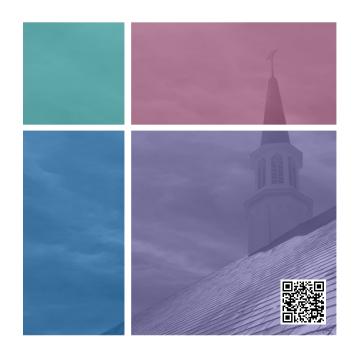
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This love is higher than the highest of mountains This love is deeper than the deepest of seas

This love, it stretches to the farthest horizon And this love, it reaches to me

BENEDICTION

Allison Mckie



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WELCOME