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

Verse 1

Joyfulness, joyfulness is what I long for Joyfulness is what I need

Joyfulness, joyfulness is what You want for me

Gentleness, gentleness is what I long for Gentleness is what I need

Gentleness, gentleness is what You want for me

Verse 2

Mindfulness, mindfulness is what I long for Mindfulness is what I need

Mindfulness, mindfulness is what You want for me

Consciousness, consciousness Is what I long for

Consciousness is what I need

Consciousness, consciousness is what You want for me

Chorus

So take my heart and form it Take my mind, transform it Take my will, conform it To Yours, to Yours, 0 Lord

SINGING

Better Is One Day / Steadfast Love

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 to the Lord of all

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

Steadfast Love

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 they faithfulness

WELCOME

Tom Bray

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.

CENTERING

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

10,000 Reasons

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Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your Name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul sings Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ryan Phipps

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 "Where Is My Mind?"

"God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

-2 Timothy 1:7

FOR NOTES

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

McKenna Merz

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?

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

Ryan Phipps

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

Bins Us Together

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

There is work for our hands and ground for our feet There is work for our hands and ground for our feet

BENEDICTION

Allison Mckie



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