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

Holy, Holy, Holy All Creatures Of Our God And King

Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty Early in the morning Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty Perfect in power, love, and purity

Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy Though the darkness hide Thee Through the eyes of mortal man Thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy There is none beside Thee Which were and are and Evermore shall be

Chorus

Ancient One Patient One You are holy

> Changeless One Ageless One You are holy

(All Creatures Of Our God And King)

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing O praise Him, Alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam Thou silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong Ye clouds that sail in heaven along O praise Him, Alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice Ye lights of evening find a voice O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Chorus

O Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

WELCOME

Natalie and Zade Mediouni

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

Linda Peri

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.

CENTERING

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

The Goodness Of God

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Verse 1

I love You, Lord For Your mercy never fails me All my days I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire In the darkest night You are close like no other

I've known You as a Father I've known You as a Friend I have lived in the goodness of God (yeah)

Chorus

Your goodness is running after It's running after me Your goodness is running after It's running after me

With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything

Your goodness is running after It's running after me

SERMON

Ryan Phipps "What We Leave Behind"

"The saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

John 4:37-38

The one who plants trees, knowing that he will never sit in their shade, has at least started to understand the meaning of life.

Rabindranath Tagore

FOR NOTES

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 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

Raphael Salamon

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

NEWS

Mckenna Merz

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

I Have A Light

I have a light And it always shines It shines in the day And it shines in the night

When the dark days come And the sun isn't bright I will be shining 'Cause I have a light

BENEDICTION

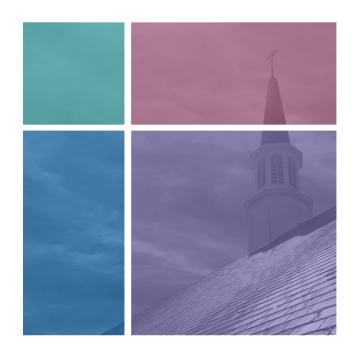
Jacki Kwan

Post Service Prayer

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

Guest Book

Before departing, please take a minute to fill out our guest book in the lobby. We would love to stay in touch with you!



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