

# YOU ARE SAFE HERE

Church In Bethesda is a multi-denominational, 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

### Better Is One Day / Steadfast Love

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#### 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

## 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

### Verse

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 their faithfulness

### Outro

Better is one day  
Better is one day  
Better is one day  
Than thousands elsewhere

## WELCOME

### Penny Yao

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

### Megan Nunes

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 Blessing

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### Verse

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
And give you peace

### Chorus

Amen  
Amen, Amen  
Amen  
Amen, Amen

### Bridge 1

May His favor be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children  
And their children and their children

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And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children  
And their children and their children

### Bridge 2

May His presence go before you  
And behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you  
He is with you he is with you

In the morning in the evening  
In your coming and your going  
In your weeping and rejoicing  
He is for you He is for you

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He is for you He is for you  
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## Bridge 3

May His favor be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children  
And their children and their children

May His presence go before you  
And behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you  
He is with you he is with you

In the morning in the evening  
In your coming and your going  
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## SERMON

### Ryan Phipps

“What You Are”

### Proverbs 20:27

The human spirit is the lamp of the Lord.

### Matthew 5:15-16

“No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven”

### 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is sacred, and that is what you are.

## FOR NOTES

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## NEWS

David Yao

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

Love In Any Language

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Love in any language  
Straight from the heart  
Pulls us all together  
Never apart

And once we learn to speak it  
All the world will hear  
Love in any language  
Fluently spoken here

## BENEDICTION

Michael Orevba

**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!

## REFLECTION

Nakia Cole

**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

Chris & Xochi

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



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# WELCOME



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