# 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

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

#### 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, Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you

## SINGING

Everlasting Arms

### Verse 1

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

### Verse 2

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

### Verse 3

O how sweet to walk in this simple way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

### Chorus

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

## WELCOME

Wiemi Douoguih

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

Alain Noumair

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.

### Shout To The Lord

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#### Verse

My Jesus, My Savior Lord there is none like you All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love

My comfort, My shelter tower of refuge and strength Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you

#### Chorus

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing Power and majesty praise to the king Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name

I sing for joy at the work of your hands Forever I'll love you forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

## SERMON

Ryan Phipps "How To Go Through It"

### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### Deuteronomy 33:27

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are everlasting arms.

FOR NOTES

# REFLECTION

Chris Harkins & Xochitl Castro

### 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

Sully

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

## 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.

# CLOSING SONG

### This Love

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

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## BENEDICTION

Rhea Noumair

### 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!



# JULY 9, 2023 WELCOME



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