

HELLO AND WELCOME!

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

Maker Of All

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Verse 1

Worthy is the Lord
God of tribes and tongues
Wonderful the Maker of us all

Moving in all nations
In all orientations
Beautiful the Maker of us all

Verse 2

Worthy is the Lord
God of tribes and tongues
Wonderful the Maker of us all

Moving in all nations
In all denominations
Beautiful the Maker of us all

Chorus

And we sing holy
What a Mystery
With us in the storm and in the calm

And we sing holy
What a Mystery
With us in the rise and in the fall
The Maker of us all

Verse 2

Worthy is the Lord
Who rains upon us all
Water for the thirsty and the flawed

Sustaining all we see
Even enemies
For opportunities to share this Love



WELCOME

Kenny and Olif Abose

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.

SINGING

Take My Life

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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
O Lord

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Olif Abose

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

"All Will Be Forgiven"

PASSAGE

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit

will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit." —Mark 3:28–30

PERSPECTIVE

"Instead of hating someone, pray for that person. Don't forget to pray for yourself as well, that you may learn how to let go and forgive." —Germany Kent



REFLECTION

Chris Harkins and 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

Ruth Orevba

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

Shout To The Lord (Chorus)

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Verse

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

BENEDICTION

Sunny Chang

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



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WELCOME



SNAP HERE TO SAVE TREES