

# 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

## Everlasting Arms

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### 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.

# THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ryan Phipps

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

## Praise To The Lord The Almighty

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### Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
the King of creation  
O my soul, praise him for  
he is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear  
now to his temple draw near  
Praising in glad adoration

### Verse 2

Praise to the Lord  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under her wings  
yea so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen  
how thy desires have been  
Granted in what she ordaineth

### Verse 3

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore him

All that hath life and breath  
come now with praises before him  
Let the Amen sound from his people again  
Gladly forever adore him

## Chorus

Praise him  
O we praise him  
(repeat undefined)

## Verse 4

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore him  
All that hath life and breath  
come now with praises before him  
Adore him

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ana and Lilly Morassi

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.

# SONG OF CENTERING

## King Of My Heart

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### Verse 1

Let the King of my heart  
Be the mountain where I run  
The fountain I drink from  
Oh, He is my song

Let the King of my heart  
Be the shadow where I hide  
The ransom for my life  
Oh, He is my song

## Chorus

You are good, good, oh oh

## Verse 2

Let the King of my heart  
Be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves  
Oh, He is my song

Let the King of my heart  
Be the fire inside my veins  
The echo of my days  
Oh, He is my song

## Chorus

You are good, good, oh oh

## Verse 3

Let the King of my heart  
Be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves  
Oh, He is my song

Let the King of my heart  
Be the fire inside my veins  
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## Chorus

You are good, good, oh oh

## Bridge

You're never gonna' let  
Never gonna' let me down

# SERMON

Ryan Phipps

Title: "Dealing With The Past"

Passage: God's gifts and calling are irrevocable. (Romans 11:29)

FOR NOTES

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# A TIME OF 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

Shannon Brescher Shea

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.

## Post Service Prayer

If you have a need, a fear, a hurt, or a triumph to share with God, Tom would love to pray with you at the front of the

sanctuary after the worship service concludes.

# CLOSING SONG

## I Have A Light

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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  
Because I have a light

# BENEDICTION

Elían LaMadrid



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