

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, religions, and all other distinctions which 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.

MUSIC

Mutual Agreement

"Go Tell It" and "Battlefield"

WELCOME

Michael Orevba

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

Allison Mckie

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.

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"Give Us This Day"

SERMON

"Immersion" by Ryan Phipps

Today's Scripture Passages:

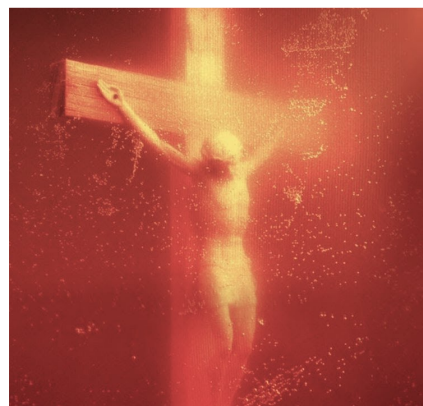
For John The Baptist came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' I arrived eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

—Matthew 11:16-18

Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why does he eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

—Luke 5:29-32



REFLECTION

Lauren Watts

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.

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"You Gotta' Do Right"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Xochitl Castro

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

NEWS

Xochitl Castro

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.

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"Love Lifted Me"

BENEDICTION

Bob Z.

AFTER WORSHIP

May we pray for you?

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 worship.

Anything you share will be held in confidence, no matter your circumstance. You are safe here.



Graffiti & The Easter Bunny

Today After Worship

Kids! The Easter Bunny is here! Make sure to say hello to him after worship today! We also encourage you to make your mark on the CiB steps with oodles of colored chalk! Have fun!



Shannon Brescher Shea

Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 11 AM

Join us to hear Shannon Brescher Shea share how belief and caring for the environment go hand-in-hand. Feel free to invite friends to engage this important topic.



Book Discussion

Join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Anna's house to chat, snack, and read an excerpt from "Atlas of the Heart" by Brené Brown.



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Easter