WELCOME

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

n some traditional prayers, hymns, and scripture bassages. 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

The Goodness Of God

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Verse 1

I love you, Lord
For your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night you are close like no other
I've known you as a father
I've known you as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life you have been faithful All my life you have been so, so good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after It's running after me Your goodness is running after It's running after me

With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give you everything Your goodness is running after It's running after me

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

David 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 one another in the spirit of peace.

A SONG OF CENTERING

Oceans

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Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find you in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters Your sovereign hand will be my guide Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me You've never failed and You won't start now

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours
And You are mine

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders

Let me walk upon the water wherever You would call me Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Alain & Rhea 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.

SERMON

Ryan Phipps

"In Comparison"

-Psalm 37:7-8

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret when others prosper, when they bring wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only causes harm.

For Notes		

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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 a loved one, a sign of peace, a prayer, or a concern.

Giving

We donate financially 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

Michael Orevba

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

All are welcome to share.

NEWS

Natalie Mediouni

Announcements

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

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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 This love, it reaches to me

BENEDICTION

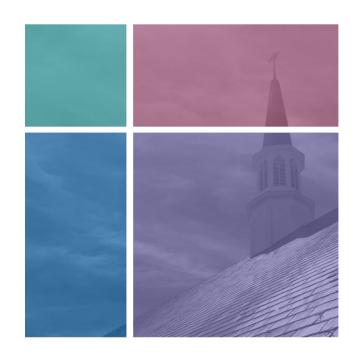
Jan Fox

a few departing words of blessing as we head into the coming week

MAY WE PRAY WITH YOU?

After Worship

If you have a need, a fear, a hurt, or a triumph to share with God, we'd love to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary after the worship service concludes.



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