

# 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

## 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"

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.

—Psalm 37:7-8

### For Notes

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## 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.

## 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.

## 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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