

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.

SINGING

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

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Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and
whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

SINGING

Shout To The Lord

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Verse 1

My Jesus, my savior
Lord, there is none like you;
All of my days
I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship you

Chorus

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

WELCOME

Mike Lee

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.

CI B 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

Wiemi Douoguih

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.

A SONG OF CENTERING

We invite you to sit and listen to a song
before we hear from the scriptures.

Same God

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Verse 1

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need You now to do the same thing for me

Chorus

O God my God I need You
O God my God I need You now
How I need You now
O Rock O Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness

Verse 2

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous

I may not face Goliath
But I've got my own giants

Bridge

You heard Your children then
You hear Your children now
You are the same God
You are the same God

You answered prayers back then
And You will answer now
You are the same God
You are the same God

SERMON

Ryan Phipps

"Kintsugi"

"The Lord is close to the broken. God
rescues those who are crushed."

—Psalm 34:18

REFLECTION

Ryan Phipps

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

Christopher Harkins

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

NEWS

Christopher Harkins

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.

SINGING

Bind Us Together

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Love in any language
Straight from the heart
Pulls us all together
Never apart

And once we learn to speak it
All the world will hear
Love in any language
Fluently spoken here

BENEDICTION

Bob Z.

MAY WE PRAY WITH 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 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