YOU ARE SAFE HERE.

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, 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

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.

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

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

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

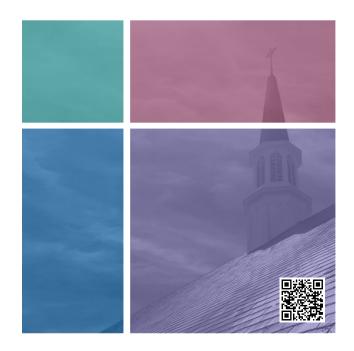
And once we learn to speak it All the world will hear Love in any language Fluently spoken here

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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