

# 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

## He Is Exalted

All music is used by permission under CCLI License #11275957.

### Verse

He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high  
I will praise him

He is exalted  
Forever exalted  
And I will praise His name

### Chorus

He is the Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and Earth  
Rejoice in his holy name  
He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high



# THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Natalie Mediouni

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.

# SINGING

## Open The Eyes Of My Heart

All music is used by permission under CCLI License #11275957.

### Verse

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you  
I want to see you

### Chorus

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy  
**Bridge**  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you

# A SONG OF CENTERING

## Praise To The Lord The Almighty

All music is used by permission under CCLI License #11275957.

### Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
the King of creation  
O my soul, praise him for he is thy  
health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to his temple draw near  
Praising in glad adoration

### Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under her wings  
yea so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen  
how thy desires have been  
Granted in what she ordaineth

### Verse 3

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore him  
All that hath life and breath come now  
with praises before him  
Let the Amen sound from his people again  
gladly forever adore him

### Chorus

Praise him  
O we praise him

### Verse 3

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore him  
All that hath life and breath  
come now with praises before him  
Adore him

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lurette and Jephthe Paulime'

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

"A Theology Of Body"

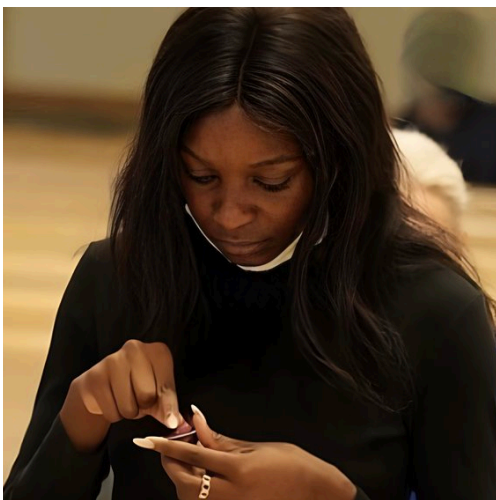
## PASSAGE

"I pray that God, who gives peace, will make you completely holy. And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept healthy and faultless until our Lord Jesus Christ returns.  
—First Thessalonians 5:23

## PERSPECTIVE

"You got to love it. This is flesh I'm talking about here. Flesh that needs to be loved.

Feet that need to rest and to dance; backs that need support; shoulders that need arms, strong arms..." —Toni Morrison



## REFLECTION

David Yao

### 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

Megan and Elena Nunez

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

## NEWS

Jarred Whitlock

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

Love In Any Language

All music is used by permission under CCLI License #11275957.

### Verse

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

Nakia Cole

### Post Service Prayer

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



AUGUST 20, 2023

# WELCOME



SNAP HERE TO SAVE TREES