

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

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

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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

SINGING

Awaken The Dawn

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Verse 1

Sing to the Lord with all of your heart
Sing of the glory that's due to His name
Sing to the Lord with all of your soul
Join all of heaven and earth to proclaim

Chorus

You are the Lord
The Maker of all
God of creation we praise You
We sing the songs
That awaken the dawn
God of creation we praise You

Verse 2

Sing to the Lord with all of your mind
With understanding give thanks to the King
Sing to the Lord with all of your strength
Living your lives as a love offering



THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Megan Nunez

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

Sunny Chang

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.

SONG OF CENTERING

Good, Good Father

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Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are,
it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am
it's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us



SERMON

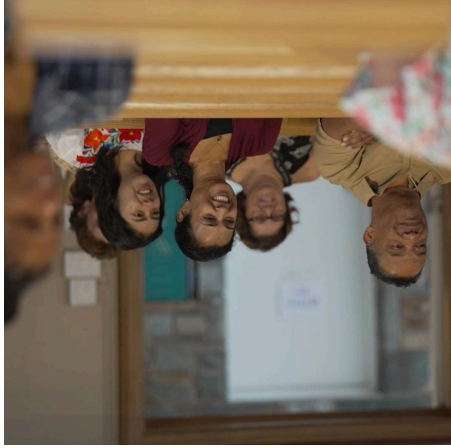
Ryan Phipps

"How To Get What You Want"

"Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

—Psalm 37:4

FOR NOTES



A TIME OF REFLECTION

Mike Lee

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

Xochitl Castro

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

NEWS

Chris 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.

Post Service Prayer

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

CLOSING SONG

Bind Us Together

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Verse

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

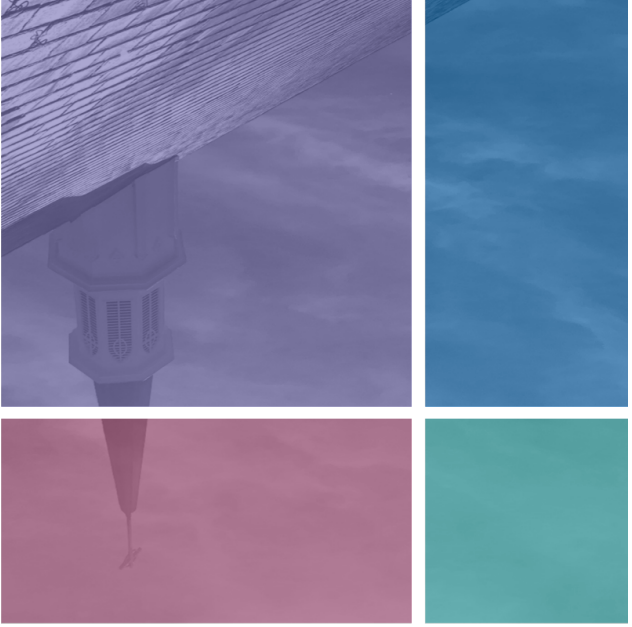
And once we learn to speak it
All the world will hear
Love in any language
Fluently spoken here

BENEDICTION

Eva Lee

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