

# 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

## For The Beauty Of The Earth

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### Verse 1

For the Beauty of the earth  
For the beauty of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies

### Chorus

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise

### Verse 2

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flower  
sun and moon and stars of light

## Verse

For the joy of human love  
brother, sister parent, child  
Friends on earth, and friends above  
for all gentle thoughts and mild

# SINGING

## 10,000 Reasons

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### 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.

### 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 sings Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

# WELCOME & THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Michael Orevba

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

## Gratitude

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### Verse 1

All my words fall short  
I got nothing new  
How could I express  
All my gratitude?

I could sing these songs  
As I often do  
But every song must end  
And You never do

### Chorus

So I throw up my hands  
And praise You again and again  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah  
Hallelujah

And I know it's not much  
But I've nothing else fit for a King  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah  
Hallelujah

### Verse 2

I've got one response  
I've got just one move  
With my arms stretched wide  
I will worship You

## Bridge

So come on, my soul  
Oh, don't you get shy on me  
Lift up your song

'Cause you've got a lion  
inside of those lungs  
Get up and praise the Lord

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Penny Yao

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

"Do you have answer?"

### Scripture Passage

Do the right thing, no matter what. Keep your  
attention on Christ. And be eager to answer  
questions about the hope that others see in you.

—1 Peter 3:15

# 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 snapping the QR code


## 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

Natalie Mediouni

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


 You may also email us your prayer requests by snapping this QR code.

# NEWS

Mike Lee

## 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.

 Would you like to receive email from CiB?. Snap the QR code.

# CLOSING SONG

## Arise, Shine (A Chorus)

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Arise, shine  
For the glory of the Lord is upon you  
Arise, shine  
Share this light

Arise, shine  
For the glory of the Lord is upon you  
Arise, shine  
Share this love

# BENEDICTION

Michael Orevba

a few departing words of blessing as we head into the coming week

# AFTER WORSHIP

May we pray with you?

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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# NEWS

THINGS TO BE A PART OF AT CiB



## Year-End-Giving Statements

*Have you received your giving statement?*

If you haven't received a year-end-giving statement from our office, it means that we don't have your contact info.

Kindly reach out to Desiree Saba, CiB's office administrator, at [office@churchinbethesda.org](mailto:office@churchinbethesda.org).

Thanks so much!



Everyone deserves  
a safe space to be heard.

*Thursdays*

Pastor Ryan leaves two open appointments on his calendar every Thursday for anyone who would like to chat. No strings attached.

Whatever your reason, pastor Ryan is available to chat with you in a confidential environment where you will be listened to and responded to with love.

## Everyone Should Eat

If you are in need of meals, come to the back entrance of the church Monday through Friday at 12:30 PM for free food.



Get more info at  
[churchinbethesda.org/lunch-program](http://churchinbethesda.org/lunch-program).

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