# WELCOME

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, and all other distinctions that make up God's creation.

#### Words

In some traditional prayers, hymns, and scripture passages, God is 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

All Creatures Of Our God And King

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#### Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King lift up your voice and with us sing O praise Him, Alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam thou silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

#### Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong ye clouds that sail in heaven along O praise Him, Alleluia Thou rising moon in praise rejoice ye lights of evening find a voice O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Chorus Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## SINGING

Holy Is The Lord

#### Verse

We stand and lift up our hands For the joy of the Lord is our strength We bow down and worship Him now How great, how awesome is He And together we sing And everyone sing

#### Chorus

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty The earth is filled with His glory Holy is the Lord, God Almighty The earth is filled with His glory

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Xochitl Castro** 

This is a time for us to greet one another in the spirit of peace. Find familiar faces and new ones as you move about the room.

## A TIME OF CENTERING

#### 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 will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### Jacki Kwan

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

Is God After Us? Ryan Phipps

#### John 4:23-24

"It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly *themselves* before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration."

## REFLECTION

Natalie Mediouni

#### 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.

#### Table Time

This is a time for us to engage with an object lesson to help us further contemplate our lesson from today.

#### Giving

We donate to CiB as a gestures of gratitude. You are invited to place your donations in the box at the back of the room or snap the QR code on the pew in front of you.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### Eliana Lamadrid

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

## NEWS

#### Bob Z.

We have plenty for you to be involved with and to keep you engaged throughout the week. Please see the insert included here for more information.

## SINGING

#### Bind Us Together

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Bind us together, Lord bind us together with cords that cannot be broken Bind us together, Lord bind us together Bind us together with love

There is work for our hands and ground for our feet There is work for our hands and ground for our feet

## BENEDICTION

Michael Orevba



## MAY 12, 2024 WELCOME



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# THINGS TO BE A PART OF AT CIB



#### Everyone needs an ear.

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

Reserve a spot by emailing us at office@churchinbethesda.org.



#### Graduation Sunday

Next Sunday, May 19, as a part of our worship, we will be celebrating our students who are graduating.

All students and their families are invited to participate.



#### Casseroles!

Last month, Bethesda Cares passed out almost 800 free meals! And they are in need of casseroles!

Please call Blake at 301-537-5915 to pick a date to bring a casserole.



#### Did you know?

The Farmer's Market "rents" our bathrooms on Sundays. If you see someone walking through the lobby, make sure to say hello to our neighbors!

And don't forget to visit the market before or after church!

# WHAT I LEARNED TODAY...

FOR NOTES
