

# YOU ARE SAFE HERE

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

### Take My Life And Let It Be

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#### Verse 1

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee

#### Verse 2

Take my voice and let me sing  
Melodies and songs for Thee  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as You choose

#### Chorus

Here am I  
All of me  
Take my life  
It's all for Thee

#### Verse 3

Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is Thine own  
Open and shall be your home

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Your feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for thee

## WELCOME

Mckenna Merz

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

How He Loves

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#### Verse 1

He is jealous for me  
Loves like a hurricane I am a tree  
Bending beneath the weight of  
His wind and mercy

When all of a sudden I am  
Unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory  
And I realize just how beautiful you are  
And how great your affections are for me

#### Pre-Chorus

Oh how He loves us, oh  
Oh how He loves us, how He loves us all

#### Chorus

He loves us, oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves us, oh He loves

#### Chorus

Oh how he loves you and me  
Oh how he loves you and me

He gave us life  
What more could he give?  
Oh how he loves you and me

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bob Z.

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

"Knowing And Believing"

#### PASSAGE

"We have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love; and those that dwell in love dwell in God, and God in them."  
-1 John 4:16

#### PERSPECTIVE

"But the man who is not afraid to admit everything that he sees to be wrong with himself, and yet recognizes that he may be the object of God's love precisely because of his shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. His sincerity is based on confidence, not in his own illusions about himself, but in the endless, unailing mercy of God."

—Thomas Merton

## REFLECTION

Michael Orevba

#### 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 Nunez

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

# NEWS

Jacki Kwan

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

This Love

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### Verse

This love is higher than  
the highest of mountains  
This love is deeper than  
the deepest of seas

This love it stretches to  
the farthest horizon  
This love, it reaches to me

## BENEDICTION

Eliana Lamadrid

### 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

### Guest Book

Before departing, please take a minute to fill out our guest book in the lobby. We would love to stay in touch with you!



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# WELCOME



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