

# 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, religions, and all other distinctions which 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

### Indescribable

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#### Verse 1

From the highest of heights  
to the depths of the sea  
Creations revealing Your majesty

From the colors of fall  
to the fragrance of spring  
Every creature unique  
in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

#### Chorus

Indescribable, uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing, God

All powerful, untameable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing, God

#### Verse 2

Who has told every lightning bolt  
where it should go?  
Or seen heavenly storehouses  
laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun  
and gives source to its light?  
Yet conceals it to bring us  
the coolness of night  
None can fathom

## SINGING

### Through It All

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#### Verse

You are forever in my life  
You see me through the seasons

Cover me with Your hand  
And lead me in Your righteousness  
And I look to You, and I wait on You

#### Chorus

I'll sing to You Lord a hymn of love  
For Your faithfulness to me  
I'm carried in everlasting arms  
You'll never let me go through it all

#### Bridge

Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

## WELCOME

### Allison Mckie

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

### Allison Mckie

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.

## A SONG OF CENTERING

We invite you to sit and listen to a song  
before we hear from the scriptures.

### All Of Us

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#### Verse 1

When I wake  
again to breath  
It is there  
You are there

And when I take  
steps toward death  
It is there  
You are there

#### Pre Chorus

Where can I run?  
Where can I run?  
It's by my side and I'm alive.

Where can we go?  
Where can we go?  
It's yours and mine inside

#### Chorus

God sees all of us, God sees all of us  
and we are all God's children.

God hears all of us, God hears all of us  
even if we don't listen

God in all of us, God in all of us  
to be more like children.

God sees all of us  
God hears all of us  
God in all of us  
God sees all of us  
God sees all of us

#### Verse 2

When we break  
and when we bend  
It is there  
You are there

When we pray  
and when we're a mess  
It is there.  
You are there

## SERMON

### Shannon Brescher Shea Psalm 8:3-8

"When I consider your heavens, the work of  
your fingers, the moon and the stars, which  
you have set in place, what is mankind that  
you are mindful of them, human beings that  
you care for them?"

You have made them a little lower than the  
angels and crowned them with glory and  
honor.

You made them rulers over the works of your  
hands; you put everything under their feet:  
all flocks and herds, and the animals of the  
wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the  
sea, all that swim the paths of the seas."

# REFLECTION

Ryan Phipps

## 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

Lauren Watts

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

## May we pray for you?

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.

# NEWS

Lauren Watts

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.

# SINGING

## Bind Us Together

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### Verse

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

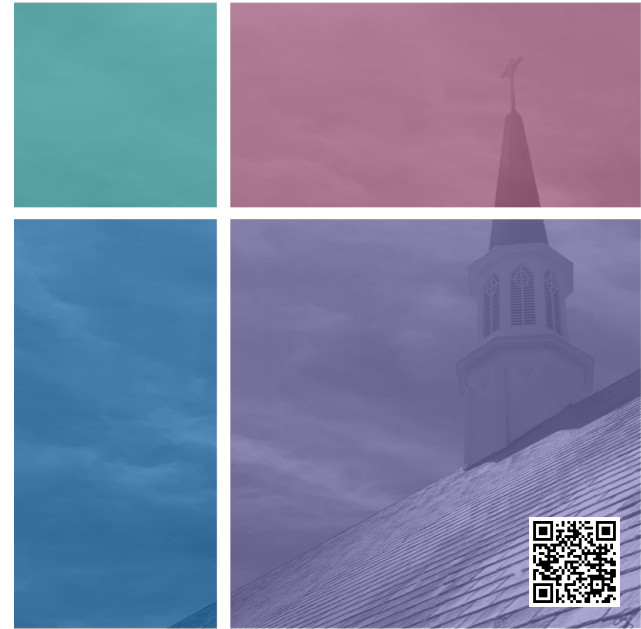
Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together  
Bind us together with love

### Chorus

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

# BENEDICTION

Mike Lee



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# WELCOME