

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

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

Way Maker

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Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship you, I worship you

You are here moving in this place
I worship you, I worship you

Verse 2

You are here touching every heart
I worship you, I worship you
You are here healing every heart
I worship you, I worship you

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship you, I worship you
You are here, mending every heart
I worship you, I worship you

Chorus

Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who you are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

WELCOME

Joshua Berk

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

Kristie & Sloane

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.

CENTERING

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

SONG

The Goodness Of God

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Verse 1

I love you, Lord
For your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in your hands

From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night you are close like no other

I've known you as a father
I've known you as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give you everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

SERMON

"Tether" by Ryan Phipps

2 Chronicles 1:7-12, James 4:3

FOR NOTES

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

Michael Orevba

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

NEWS

Michael Orevba

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

Graves Into Gardens

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Verse 1

I searched the world
But it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise
and treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along
And put me back together
Every desire is now satisfied
Here in Your love

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord, there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

Verse 2

I'm not afraid
to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend'

Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace
Won't find me again

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

BENEDICTION

Allison Mckie

AFTER WORSHIP

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 worship.

Anything you share will be held in confidence, no matter your circumstance. You are safe here.



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WELCOME