

# 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

## Awaken The Dawn

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### Verse 1

Sing to the Lord with all of your heart  
Sing of the glory that's due to His name  
Sing to the Lord with all of your soul  
Join all of heaven and earth to proclaim

### Chorus

You are the Lord  
The Maker of all  
God of creation we praise You  
We sing the songs  
That awaken the dawn  
God of creation we praise You

### Verse 2

Sing to the Lord with all of your mind  
With understanding give thanks to the King  
Sing to the Lord with all of your strength  
Living your lives as a praise offering

# THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## Wiemi Douoguih

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

## Better Is One Day / Steadfast Love

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### Verse 1

How lovely is your dwelling place  
Oh, Lord Almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

### Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

### Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere

## Steadfast Love

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The steadfast love  
of the Lord never ceases  
And his great mercies will never ever fade

They are new every morning  
New every morning  
Great is their faithfulness

### Outro

Better is one day  
Better is one day  
Better is one day  
Than thousands elsewhere

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

## Lurette and Jephthe Paulime'

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.

# SONG OF CENTERING

## Reckless Love

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### Verse 1

Before I spoke a word  
You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me

Before I took a breath  
You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

### Chorus

O the overwhelming  
never-ending reckless Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God yeah

### Verse 2

When I was Your foe  
still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me

When I felt no worth  
You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me

### Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me

# SERMON

## Ryan Phipps

"How Fruit Works"

"But the fruit of the Spirit is this: Charity, joy, peace, tolerance, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. — Galatians 5:22-23

# SONG OF REFLECTION

## Same God

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### Verse 1

I'm calling on  
the God of Jacob  
Whose love endures  
through generations  
I know that You will  
keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the  
God of Moses  
The one who opened  
up the ocean  
I need You now to do  
the same thing for me

### Chorus

O God my God I need You  
O God my God I need You now  
How I need You now

O Rock O Rock of ages  
I'm standing on Your faithfulness

#### Verse 2

I'm calling on the God of Mary  
Whose favor rests upon the lowly  
I know with You  
all things are possible

I'm calling on the  
God of David  
Who made a shepherd boy courageous  
I may not face Goliath  
But I've got my own giants

#### Bridge

You heard Your children then  
You hear Your children now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God

You answered prayers back then  
And You will answer now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God

## A TIME OF REFLECTION

Lisa Dale

#### 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

Rhea Noumair

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

## NEWS

Sully

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.

#### Post Service Prayer

If you have a need, a fear, a hurt, or a triumph to share with God, Tom would love to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary after the worship service concludes.

## CLOSING SONG

Love In Any Language

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#### Verse

Love in any language  
Straight from the heart  
Pulls us all together  
Never apart

And once we learn to speak it  
All the world will hear  
Love in any language  
Fluently spoken here

## BENEDICTION

Raphael Salamon



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