

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

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

Oh, the overwhelming
never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down
fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99

I couldn't earn it,
I don't deserve it
still You give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God

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

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

SINGING

He Is Exalted

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Verse

He is exalted
the King is exalted on high
I will praise Him

He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

Chorus

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign

Heaven and Earth
Rejoice in His holy name

He is exalted
the King is exalted on high

WELCOME

Anna Centeno

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

Anna Centeno

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

O Come To The Altar

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Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the
weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness is found in
The precious love of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your
regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows
and trade them for joy
From the ashes, a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen

SERMON

Today's Lesson From The Scriptures

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

Mike Lee

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

NEWS

Mike Lee

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

King Of My Heart

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Verse 1

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh, He is my song

Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh, He is my song

Chorus

'Cause You are good
You are good, oh oh
You are good
You are good, oh oh

Verse 2

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves

Oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh, He is my song

Bridge

You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down

BENEDICTION

Michael Orevba

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