

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 God's creation.

Words

In some traditional prayers, hymns, and scripture passages, God is 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

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

For The Beauty Of The Earth

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Verse 1

For the Beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
over and around us lies

Chorus

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise

Verse 2

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
sun and moon and stars of light

Verse 3

For the joy of human love
brother, sister parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above
for all gentle thoughts and mild

WELCOME & THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 one another in the spirit of peace.

A SONG OF CENTERING

Oceans

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Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find you in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours
And You are mine

Bridge

Spirit lead me
where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the water
wherever You would call me
Take me deeper
than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Xochitl Castro

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

The Long Search, Part 1
"On The Existence Of God"

Scripture Passage

God did this so that people would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. "For in him we live and move and have our being."

—Acts 17:27-28

A TIME OF 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 a loved one, a sign of peace, a prayer, or a concern.

Table Time

This is a time for us to engage with an object lesson to help us further contemplate our lesson from today.

Giving

We donate to CiB as a gestures of gratitude. You are invited to place your donations in the box at the back of the room.

 You may also give digitally by snapping the QR code

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

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.

 Would you like to receive email from CiB?. Snap the QR code.

We'd love to meet you!

Are you new to CiB? We'd love to meet you. Come to the front of the sanctuary after the

service to meet pastor Ryan. We also want to make sure that you get a free mug.

May we pray with you?

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

CLOSING SONG

Bind Us Together

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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

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

BENEDICTION

Kristie and Sloane Diemer

a few departing words of blessing as we
head into the coming week



FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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Year-End-Giving Statements

Have you received your giving statement?

If you haven't received a year-end-giving statement from our office, it means that we don't have your contact info.

Kindly reach out to Desiree Saba, CiB's office administrator, at office@churchinbethesda.org.

Thanks so much!



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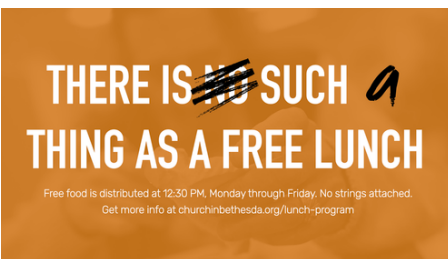


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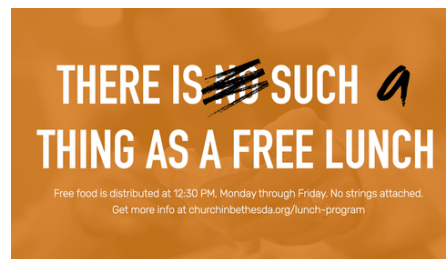
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