

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

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

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise
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 flow'r sun and moon and stars of light

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

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

Verse 3

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

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

SINGING

Indescribable

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Verse 1

From the highest of heights
to the depths of the sea
Creation's 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, untamable
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

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Natalie Mediouni

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

What A Friend I've Found

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Verse 1

What a friend I've found
closer than a brother
I have felt Your touch
More intimate than lovers

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, friend forever

Verse 2

What a hope I've found
More faithful than a mother
It would break my heart
To ever lose each other

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chris Harkins

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 4/4
"On Death"

"Since people are made of flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

—Hebrews 2:14-15

REFLECTION

Xochitl Castro

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

Meagan Nunes

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 included 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

This Love

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This love is higher than
the highest of mountains
This love is deeper than
the deepest of seas
This love it stretches to
the farthest horizon
This love, it reaches to me

BENEDICTION

Weimi Douoguih

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



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NEWS

THINGS TO BE A PART OF AT CiB



Serving During The Week

We would love for you to visit the office.

If you are interested in volunteering around the church during the week, we have plenty for you to be a part of!

If you're interested in volunteering, kindly reach out to Desiree Saba at office@churchinbethesda.org.

We look forward to seeing you around the office!

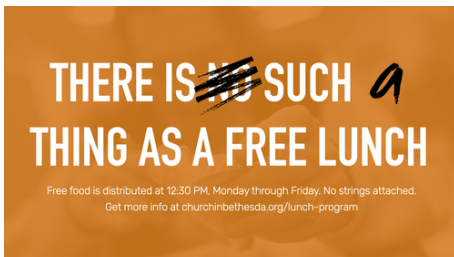


Everyone deserves a safe space to be heard.

Thursdays

Pastor Ryan leaves two open appointments on his calendar every Thursday for anyone who would like to chat. No strings attached.

Whatever your reason, pastor Ryan is available to chat with you in a confidential environment where you will be listened to and responded to with love.



Everyone Should Eat

If you are in need of meals, come to the back entrance of the church Monday through Friday at 12:30 PM for free food.



Get more info at churchinbethesda.org/lunch-program.

