

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

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

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

How He Loves

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Verse

You are jealous for me
Love like a hurricane I am a tree
Bending beneath the weight of
Your wind and mercy

When all of a sudden
I am unaware of these afflictions
eclipsed by glory
I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me

Pre-Chorus

Oh how You love us all
Oh how You love us
How You love us all

Chorus

You love us
Oh how You love us
Oh how You love us
Oh how You love

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Xochitl Castro

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

Ruth and Theresa Orevba

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

Nothing Else Matters

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So close, no matter how far
Couldn't be much more from the heart
Forever trusting who we are
And nothing else matters

Never opened myself this way
Life is ours, we live it our way
All these words, I don't just say

And nothing else matters

Trust I seek and I find in you
Every day for us something new
Open mind for a different view
And nothing else matters

Never cared for what they do
Never cared for what they know
But I know

So close, no matter how far
It couldn't be much more from the heart
Forever trusting who we are
And nothing else matters

Never opened myself this way
Life is ours, we live it our way
All these words, I don't just say
And nothing else matters

Trust I seek and I find in you
Every day for us something new
Open mind for a different view
And nothing else matters

Never cared for what they say
Never cared for games they play

Never cared for what they do
Never cared for what they know
But I know

TODAY'S SERMON

Ryan Phipps

Title: "On Thanks"

Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

FOR NOTES

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

Megan Nunes

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

NEWS

Rhea Noumair

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

I Have A Light

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I have a light
And it always shines
It shines in the day
And it shines in the night

When the dark days come
And the sun isn't bright
I will be shining
Because I have a light

BENEDICTION

Kristie and Sloan Diemer



A TIME OF REFLECTION

Christopher Harkins

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



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