

# 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 unto Him  
Sing to the Lord with all of your strength  
Living your lives as a love offering

# 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



# THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## Ruth Orevba

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

## Mike Lee

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

## Praise To The Lord The Almighty

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### Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
the King of creation  
O my soul, praise him, for he is  
thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear  
now to his temple draw near  
Praising in glad adoration

### Verse 2

Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under her wings  
yea so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen  
how thy desires have been  
Granted in what she ordaineth

## Verse 3

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore him  
All that hath life and breath  
come now with praises before him  
Let the Amen sound from his people again  
gladly forever adore him

## Chorus

Praise him  
Praise him

## Verse 4

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore him  
All that hath life and breath  
come now with praises before him  
adore him



# TODAY'S SERMON

## Rev. Dr. Ella Redfield

# A TIME OF REFLECTION

## Jan Fox

## 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

Weimi Douoguih

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



## NEWS

Raphael Salamon

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

### Bind Us Together

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#### Verse

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

#### Chorus

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

## BENEDICTION

Jacki Kwan



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