

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, 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

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
O we 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

SINGING

Praise Adonai

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Verse 1

Who is like this
A father and a friend
calling us his own

Mountains rise and
every ocean roars
to the Lord of all

Who is like this
a mother by the hand
leading us back home

Fountains rise and
fields and forests grow
to the Lord of all

Chorus

Praise Adonai
From the rising of the Sun
to the end of every day

Praise Adonai
All the nations of the Earth
all the angels and the saints
sing praise

Verse 2

Who is like this
Beginning and the end
we are not alone

Waters rise and
every river flows
to the Lord of all

Who is like this
be still and know I Am
breathing in us all

Love arises
like embers from the coals
to the Lord of all

WELCOME

McKenna Merz

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

Allison Mckie

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.

The Goodness Of God

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Verse 1

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

SCRIPTURE READING

Chris Harkins & Xochi Castro
Acts 17:22-28

22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing

you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.'

SERMON

Ryan Phipps
"Creatures In The Ocean"

REFLECTION

Ryan Phipps

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

Alison Mckie

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

May we pray with 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 the worship service concludes. Anything you share will be held in confidence, no matter your circumstance. You are safe here.

NEWS

Anna Centeno

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.

CLOSING SONG

He Is Exalted

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He is exalted
the King is exalted on High
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

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

BENEDICTION

Michael Orevba



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WELCOME



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