

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

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

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Verse

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.

Chorus

One day every tongue
will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now.

SINGING

Yeshua

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My Beloved is
The most beautiful
Among thousands and thousands

Jesus

And Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever, Amen

WELCOME

Jacki Kwan

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

Raphael Salamon

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.

Reckless Love

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Verse 1

Before I spoke a word
You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me

Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
leaves the 99

And I couldn't earn it
I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God

Verse 2

When I was Your foe,
still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me

When I felt no worth,
You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

There's no shadow You won't light up
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READING OF SCRIPTURE

Jean Dudek



"Hagar in the Desert" by Marc Chagall

SERMON

Jan Moody

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Genesis 21:8-21

The child, Isaac, grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. So she said to Abraham, cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman is not going to inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar,

putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

REFLECTION

Stacey Stewart

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

Bob Z.

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

NEWS

Jarred Whitlock

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

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
ground for our feet

There is work for our hands
ground for our feet

BENEDICTION

Megan & Elena Nunez

Post Service Prayer

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

Guest Book

Before departing, please take a minute to fill out our guest book in the lobby. We would love to stay in touch with you!



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WELCOME



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