

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

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

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Verse 1

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Verse 2

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Verse 3

O how sweet to walk in this simple way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from
day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

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

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

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

WELCOME

Megan Nunez

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

Alain Noumair

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.

Build My Life

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Verse 1

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring

Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Chorus

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder

And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to
those around me

Verse 2

Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we
could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Bridge

And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
And I will build my life upon Your love

SERMON

Ryan Phipps

"Approach And Learn"

PASSAGE

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord... that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

—Isaiah 2:3

PERSPECTIVE

Radiant is the world soul, full of splendor and beauty, full of life, of souls hidden, of treasures of the holy spirit, of fountains of strength, of greatness and beauty.

Proudly I ascend toward the heights of the world soul that gives life to the universe. How majestic the vision.

Come, enjoy. Come, find peace. Embrace delight. Taste and see that God is good. Why spend your substance on what does not nourish and your labor on what cannot satisfy?

Listen to me, and you will enjoy what is good, and find delight in what is truly precious.

—Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook

REFLECTION

Christopher Harkins &
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 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

Raphael Salamon

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

NEWS

Sunny Chang

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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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

Rhea Noumair

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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