



# Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, January 15, 2023



Reconciling  
Ministries  
Network

## OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

*We are a congregation that welcomes all with open hearts, open minds and open doors.*

*Our faith is deeply rooted in the Methodist tradition of social justice  
and we support the inclusion of all in every aspect of the life of the church.*

*We are more than the sum of our parts.*

*We are a community of believers, doubters and seekers of all ages, from all corners of the earth.*

*Our church family is made up of people of differing sexual orientations and gender identities  
and we affirm and celebrate all of them.*

*We are socially, politically and theologically diverse, yet we are one in the body of Christ.*

*We welcome everyone who wishes to join us as we strive to order our lives  
in the way of the footwasher, Jesus Christ, to love our God, to love our neighbors  
and to bring peace, kindness and justice to a world in need.*

## We're Glad You Are Here Today!

Please fill out an **Attendance Card** (located in the pew rack) to let us know you've been here in worship (just leave the card on the pew at the end of the service). You can use this card to share prayer requests, send a message to the pastors, or update your contact information. Thanks!

## New Here?

We warmly welcome all who are visiting our church this morning. We hope to have the chance to personally greet you and answer any questions about our congregation that you may have. Want to learn more about BUMC? We invite you to text your name and email address to us at **301-246-0866** and we'll be in touch soon!

## BUMC's COVID Re-Entry Update

Wearing masks is not required during our services and activities but is recommended. Hand hygiene is important – feel free to use the sanitizing stations in the narthex and Lonnie's Lobby. And most of all, if you at all feel not well, even if it is just a little bit, the most loving thing you can do is to join us virtually instead of in person until you are sure you are well.

*BUMC only requires a mask for those working in the nursery.*

## Bethesda United Methodist Church

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# Human Relations Sunday

**Sunday, January 15, 2023 11 a.m.**

*BUMC's services are livestreamed. Please be aware mics are live and conversations may be heard over the air. If you prefer not to be visible on the video, which is broadcast on YouTube, we invite you to be seated towards the rear of the Sanctuary. Thank you.*

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## GATHERING

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*Chris Warrington*

**INTROIT**

*Sanctuary Choir*

**PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

*Praise Band*

*“Shine On Us”*

**TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

*Ringing church bells reminds the world God holds the future of humanity.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### \* GREETING

Leader: We gather to worship God,

**People: Who creates us and loves us;**

Leader: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**People: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**

**Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,**

Leader: To seek justice, share power,  
and live together in love and equality;

**People: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and well-being for all,**

Leader: and whose presence, grace, and love  
sustain us in our living.

**People: We gather to worship God.**

**All: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

### \* OPENING HYMN

*UMH 584 vs 1,2,4,5*

*“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

### \* DRINKING THE CUP OF JUSTICE

### \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

*UMH 431*

*“Let There Be Peace On Earth”*

## LISTENING

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### HYMN

*UMH 519*

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### ANTHEM

*Sanctuary Choir*

"There Is A Balm In Gilead" - William L. Dawson

#### SCRIPTURE

*Ada Wong*

Matthew 5:43-48

#### MESSAGE

*Rev. Dr. HiRho Park*

"Vision Series: Love & Change"

## RESPONDING

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*Rachelle Cummins*

#### OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Recitative for Flute" - Paxton

#### DOXOLOGY

*UMH 87 vs 4*

"What Gift Can We Bring"

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

## SENDING FORTH

#### \* CLOSING SONG

*Praise Band*

"God of Justice"

#### \* CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

#### \* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

#### \* CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Sanctuary Choir*

#### \* CLOSING MUSIC/POSTLUDE

*Chris Warrington*

"Hymn of Praise" - Denton

## TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

**Minister of Worship & Justice:** Dr. Shaw Brewer

**Director of Music:** Chris Warrington

**Sanctuary Choir Conductor:** Max Nolin

**Director, Bethesda Bells:** Gail Williams

**Acolyte:** Elijah Baker

**Tech:** Sam Bohn (livestream), Bob Gillette (slides), Dave Flumbaum (sound)

**Coffee Hour:** Joy Harwood & Rachelle Cummins

**Worship Chair:** Bill Allman

*If you have any questions or wish to provide input about our worship services, please contact Bill (bilgerall@yahoo.com). We'd love to hear from you.*

# Today at BUMC

9:45 am	PTR Class
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship (in-person & online at <a href="http://washmorefeet.org/livestream">washmorefeet.org/livestream</a> )
11:00 am	Kids With Purpose
12:30 pm	Movie Screening: <i>Till</i>

**TODAY AFTER WORSHIP:** Come join us after worship to see the film *Till*, the true story of Mamie Till-Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14-year-old son, Emmett Till, who was brutally lynched in 1955 while visiting his cousins in Mississippi. A discussion will follow. The runtime is 2 hours, 10 minutes. The movie rating is pg-13. Reasons: thematic content involving racism, strong disturbing images and racial slurs. *Please consider this when bringing children.* We will watch the film together in the Fellowship Hall; pizza, popcorn, and sodas will be served. Contact Dennis Williams ([dennis@washmorefeet.org](mailto:dennis@washmorefeet.org)) for more information.

**MONDAY, A DAY OF ADVOCACY AND SERVICE:** At **10:00 am**, join us for a virtual Zoom-only workshop in which we will learn more about safe storage and other issues related to gun violence prevention, and then take action by writing to members of the Maryland State Legislature. To get the Zoom link or for more information, please email Susan Bender ([susanbender@comcast.net](mailto:susanbender@comcast.net)).

Today and tomorrow morning, we are collecting items for the migrants being transported to Washington D.C. Members of BUMC are encouraged to bring any of the items below to the Narthex between now and Monday the 16th. At **2:00 pm**, we will gather to learn about what is taking place in DC and how we can be the hands and feet of Christ. We will pack hygiene kits and organize donations. This is an intergenerational event for all.

To create hygiene kits to distribute to migrants, we are collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, comb or brush, washcloth, lotion, deodorant, and a razor. Please donate the items individually; we will assemble the kits when we gather together on the 16th. Each kit will be assembled into a 2 gallon bag, so please do not buy large items.

**PRAYER BITES - LET'S TALK DOWNSIZING!** Carolyn and Martin Kulik just moved to a retirement community and Carolyn will share their experience of downsizing. Jean Bullock, a realtor, will give you a professional perspective on where to start regarding downsizing and transitioning into a simpler life. Bring your sandwich and join us on January 18, Wednesday, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. We will gather in the Narthex and provide beverages. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Rev. HiRho at [hrpark@washmorefeet.org](mailto:hrpark@washmorefeet.org).

**LISTENING SESSION:** On January 22 at 12:30, we will host a listening session to show our support for LGBTQIA+ community. Rev. Chet Jechura, a provisional elder in the Baltimore Washington conference, and our Dennis Williams will share their experiences. We will take this as an opportunity to reaffirm our stance as a reconciling ministry and show our support.

**GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION:** The next planning meeting of BUMC's Gun Violence Prevention Ministry will be Monday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome to join us as we make plans for the next few months. Contact Susan Bender at [susanbender@comcast.net](mailto:susanbender@comcast.net) for the Zoom link.

**THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING COFFEE HOUR:** We thank all those who helped BUMC to knit a close community by reviving a coffee hour. We will recognize contributors' names under Today's Worship Ministry section of the bulletin each week. You help us to find God in each other's smiling faces!

**NOT RECEIVING CHURCH EMAILS?** From time to time we hear of people who have signed up to receive our emails, but no longer do. If you are not receiving emails you've signed up for, please contact Steve at [communications@washmorefeet.org](mailto:communications@washmorefeet.org).