Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, May 14, 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 Safety Policy

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. The last two pews in the back are reserved for those who want to sit close wearing masks.

Bethesda United Methodist Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
Graduate Sunday/Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14, 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.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC *Chris Warrington*

CHORAL INTROIT *Sanctuary Choir*

OPENING MUSIC - BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

Ringing church bells is our witness to God's presence in the world.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** GREETING** *Kate Ricciardella*

Leader: God of truth and knowledge,
by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.
Bless our graduates as they now finish this course of study.

All: We thank you for those
who taught and worked beside them,
and all who supported them along the way.

Leader: Walk with the graduates
as they leave and move forward in life.
Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.

All: Strengthen their many talents and skills,
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan,
where energies may be gathered up
and used for the good of all people.

Leader: For the graduates, this truly is a day of new beginnings,
a time to remember and move on,
and a time to believe what love is bringing.

All: May they always know that Christ is alive and goes before us,
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new.

*** OPENING HYMN** *TFWS 2009*

"O God Beyond All Praising"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MUSICAL SELECTION *Children's Choir*

"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LISTENING

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES *Kara Peace*

SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION *Dana Sippel*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING *Socorro Sliker-Diaz*

Jeremiah 29:5-14

MESSAGE *Rev. Dr. HiRho Park*

"Immerse Yourself"

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *Iris Sliker-Diaz*

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC *Sanctuary Choir*

"Bright Canaan" - Traditional, arr. Parker/Shaw

*** DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER** *Kara Peace*

SENDING FORTH

*** CLOSING SONG** *Praise Band*

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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

*** CLOSING MUSIC** *Chris Warrington*

"In Dir Ist Freude" (In Thee Is Gladness) - J.S. Bach

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jane Long Betz and all mothers by Mary Jane and John Euler.

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Acolyte: Joshua Miller
Worship Leader: Kara Peace
Tech: Sam Bohn, Steven Martin (livestream), Josiah Peace (slides), Chris Anderson (sound)
Coffee Hour: Cece Studebaker

Worship Chairs: Bill Allman & Cindy Osnos

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

Today at BUMC

9:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am	PTR Class
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship (in-person & online at washmorefeet.org/livestream)
5:00 pm	Racial Justice Witness

REGISTER TODAY FOR VBS THIS SUMMER: HERO HOTLINE! Mark your calendars and plan to join us June 19 - 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. as we join the Hero Hotline where we are called together to serve God at Vacation Bible School! We are excited to announce that this year we will be partnering with North Bethesda UMC, St. Paul's Kensington UMC and Concord St. Andrews UMC. (All activities will take place here at BUMC). VBS is open to all children ages 4 through rising 5th graders. Please register today!

PRAYER BITES BIBLE STUDY - BIBLE MARATHON: You are invited to engage with the Bible on a deeper level with Rev. HiRho and Dr. Shaw on Wednesdays at noon. Bring your lunch, share communion, pray with and for others, and reflect on a scripture passage written by a variety of Christian authors and pastors in "The Bible Year Devotional" book. This study aims to help you develop a daily habit of reading and meditating on the Bible. If you want to receive daily Bible reading passages, please contact Rev. HiRho at hrpark@washmorefeet.org.

CLOTHING NEEDED: Our partners at Fairland Elementary School (where our Smart Sacks go) have asked for items for their emergency clothing supply. Sizes 4-16, clean, gently worn things, particularly for boys. No winter gear, please. There's a bin in the Narthex for it.

LISTENING SESSION ON CHINA: As we celebrate Asian Heritage Month, we will hold a listening session focused on China. This session is open to all interested in learning about China's rich cultural heritage, history, and social environment, along with testimony from Ada Wong and Haitao Wang about their faith journey. We want to create a safe and inclusive space where participants can engage in meaningful dialogue and gain a deeper understanding of China and its people. The listening session will take place on May 21, right after Sunday worship. We encourage all participants to come with an open mind and be willing to learn from one another. We appreciate your interest in celebrating Asian Heritage Month with us, and we look forward to seeing you at the listening session.

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME STARTS MAY 28: We are delighted to announce that BUMC will begin summer worship services to accommodate the summer schedule and provide everyone with a more comfortable worship experience. Our Sunday services will begin at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months. Sunday School will take a break during these months.

This schedule change will allow us to serve our congregation and the community better. We hope this change will make it easier for families to attend services together and provide more time for fellowship and community activities following worship. We encourage you to join us for our first summer worship service at 10:00 a.m. on May 28. We look forward to sharing worship and fellowship with you these upcoming months.

ANIMAL BLESSINGS ON MAY 21: We are excited to invite you and your furry friends to our annual Animal Blessing. This special event is an opportunity to celebrate and thank the animals that bring us so much joy and companionship. The Animal Blessing will take place on May 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the BUMC parking lot on Huntington Pkwy. Rev. HiRho will offer individual blessings for each animal in attendance. All types of animals are welcome to attend, including dogs, cats, birds, reptiles and more. We ask that all animals be on a leash or in a carrier. There will be treats for dogs and cats to enjoy. If you want to bake dog treats and offer them on that day, please contact Rev. Park at hrpark@washmorefeet.org. We hope you will join us for this special event and bring your furry, feathered or scaled friends to receive a blessing.