# Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, July 23, 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.

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# Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

## Sunday, July 23, 2023 10:00 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**

"Adagio" - Guilmant (1837-1911)

**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**

Leader: Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.

**People: Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.**

Leader: Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.

**People: May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.**

Leader: Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.

**People: As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship, witness and service bring honour to God's Holy Name. Amen.**

*** OPENING HYMN** *UMH 526*

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

*** RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 3

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE** *TFWS 2212*

"My Life Goes On (How Can I Keep From Singing)"

## LISTENING

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN** *UMH 529*

"How Firm A Foundation"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**MUSICAL SELECTION** *Chris Warrington, piano*
*Steven Martin, bass*

"Amazing Grace"

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 139:5-10

**MESSAGE** *Rev. Dr. HiRho Park*

"*Unafraid*: The Fear of Failure, Loneliness, and Rejection"

## RESPONDING

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC** *Chris Warrington*

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

*** DOXOLOGY** *UMH 94*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## SENDING

*** CLOSING HYMN** *UMH 536*

"Take the Name of Jesus With You"

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

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*** CLOSING MUSIC** *Chris Warrington*

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

### 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
**Worship Leader:** David Balasundaram
**Director, Bethesda Bells:** Gail Williams
**Tech:** Holly Pannullo (slides), Sam Bohn (livestream), David Flumbaum (sound)
**Coffee Hour:** Karen Fratantoni, Mary Ann Toomey

**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

**Sunday, July 23:**

- 10:00 am Summer Worship (in-person/online)
- 11:00 am Fellowship Time
- 5:00 pm Racial Justice Witness

**Thank you for choosing to worship with us on your busy Sunday.** We understand that our services may sometimes go beyond one hour. If you need to leave at the end of the one-hour service, we kindly ask that you do so quietly. Our worship leaders will not be offended.

**MORE WAYS TO GIVE:** Sometimes we want to say "thank you" to God by offering gifts for special, unique reasons. Now we have a giving category, "Thanksgiving," so that you can express your gratitude for life passages, such as birthdays, promotions, the birth of a grandchild, graduation, college acceptance, getting a new job, or moving, etc. Donate today by using this code =>

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY SERIES:** Our five-week study, based on Adam Hamilton's book, *Unafraid*, continues this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. This study will help us face and overcome our fears about loneliness, illness, financial insecurity, disappointing others, failure, insignificance, and aging. We'll use Rev. Hamilton's teachings to guide our discussions and gain valuable insights into living unafraid. Contact Shaw at shaw@washmorefeet.org for more information or the link.

**TEXT MINISTRY:** Start each day with a Bible verse that corresponds to our summer Bible study, *Unafraid*. Except on Sundays, we are sending out a text to everyone that signs up. If you joined our text message list last year during Advent, you don't have to do anything else. If you haven't signed up yet, please text "join" to (301) 654-5160. It's a great way to start every day.

**CALLING ALL CARETAKERS: JOIN OUR NURSERY TEAM TODAY!** Our church is in need of two dedicated day care workers to watch over our precious nursery-age children during church and Sunday school. If you or someone you know has a passion for working with children and want to make a difference in their lives, we invite you to apply for this paid position. You must be 18 or over. As a caretaker on our nursery team, you will have the opportunity to create a safe nurturing environment, engage in playtime fun, and ensure their every need is met. Don't wait to join us in this rewarding ministry! To apply for this paid position, please contact Dennis at dennis@washmorefeet.org.

**JOIN US IN FEEDING HEARTS AND MINDS:** We will be hosting a special dinner for the Project Transformation interns on July 30 at 5:00 p.m.! It's a terrific opportunity to meet and fellowship with young adults who are dedicating their summer to making a difference in the lives of kids across the DC area. As we break bread together, we'll also have the chance to share our skills of hospitality and make new friendships. And let's not forget about the delicious food we'll be serving! So come join us for a night of meaningful connections and transformational experiences. RSVP to shaw@washmorefeet.org as soon as possible to secure your spot at the table.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BUMC FOSTER CARE MINISTRY:** Join us after worship at 11:15 a.m. in the BUMC Foster Care Room for clothes sorting. We have a large collection of clothes that need to be organized. Our ministry provides valuable resources, such as clothing, to new foster parents and at-risk families. Please contact Janet Edmonds at j.edmonds@erols.com or Stacy Welch at snwel062@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!

**"THE MESSENGER" DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 5:00 P.M.**: Do you have an announcement about an upcoming event or a story to share about a ministry you're involved in? Please send to communications@washmorefeet.org before 5:00 p.m. Monday.