



Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, August 27, 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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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 27, 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.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

"Allegro" - Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CHORAL INTROIT

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GREETING

ONE: Calling all children of the Living God:
the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

ALL: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

ONE: The good news is proclaimed in God's words,
and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

ALL: Let us worship together, every generation.

ONE: We come together with different abilities and disabilities,
learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

ALL: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

ONE: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

ALL: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.

* OPENING HYMN

UMH 559

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

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UMH 440 VV. 1, 2, 3, 6

"Let There Be Light"

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN MEDLEY

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
"Bind Us Together"
"We Are the Body of Christ"
- First verse of each -

UMH 557
TFWS 2226
TFWS 2227

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

"Pray that Jerusalem May Have Peace" - Stanford

Summer Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Janet Edmonds

MESSAGE

The Body of Christ

Neil Gregory

RESPONDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Chorale and Fugue on 'Grosser Gott'" - Harbach

* DOXOLOGY

"Father, We Have Heard You Calling"

W&S 3150 v. 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENDING

* CLOSING HYMN

"O Church of God, United"

UMH 547

* CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Summer Choir

* CLOSING MUSIC

"Toccata & Fugue" - 18th cent. Italian (Anonymous)

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer

Preaching: Neil Gregory

Director of Music: Chris Warrington

Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin

Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams

Tech: Holly Pannullo (slides), Sam Bohn (livestream), David Flumbaum (sound)

Coffee Hour: Francesca Ugolini, Rachele Cummins

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 (osnosmcrcc@comcast.net). We'd love to hear from you.

Today at BUMC

Sunday, August 27:

- 10:00 am Summer Worship (in-person/online)
- 11:00 am Fellowship Time



Please Donate

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.

KICK OFF SUNDAY POTLUCK: LET'S FEAST AND UNITE! Join us on September 10 after worship to kick off the new fall season with a delightful potluck feast! We'll provide the fried chicken; we invite you to bring your favorite sides or desserts for eight people or more. It's the perfect opportunity to connect, grow, and build meaningful relationships within our church community. As we embark on this new calendar year, let's come together, worship, and serve side by side. We believe that shared meals foster strong bonds, and we can't wait to see what connections are made and friendships are formed over this delicious spread. Scan the code to sign up to help. For more information, reach out to Sue Owen at susyowen@hotmail.com.



FASTING PRAYER ON SEPTEMBER 2: On the first Saturday of each month, we encourage you to fast as we pray for BUMC and its ministry. You can choose to skip a meal or two or fast for an entire day according to your health condition.

Please pray for these items in September:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit touches the hearts of many to return to worshipping God on Sundays, starting on Kick-Off Sunday, September 10.
- The Stewardship Team will be officially launching its campaign in September. Pray that we may boldly reclaim, revive, and rejoice our faith and discipleship in Jesus Christ.
- Please keep praying for BUMC to find a faithful and dedicated new youth director. Additionally, pray for the Confirmation class, their mentors, and teachers.
- Please keep the Worship Schedule Task Force in your prayers as they make recommendations for the congregation.

MOSES CEMETERY BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE: If you are interested in learning about the history and background of African American community in Bethesda, MD, and their struggles with saving their ancestors' cemetery, books by the Bethesda African Cemetery Coalition are now available for your purchase at \$20 each in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Kris Hoxha at kris@washmorefeet.org.

DONATIONS TO UMCOR BRING HOPE TO MAUI: The people of Hawaii need our support. Many of us are wondering how we can make a difference, and one impactful way is by donating to UMCOR. With their incredible partners, UMCOR responds to disasters worldwide, including right here in the United States. UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response is working tirelessly to provide aid and relief to the affected areas. Your prayers are invaluable, and if you're able, we encourage you to consider giving to UMCOR. Together, we can bring hope and help rebuild the lives of those affected.

You can donate to the cause in Hawaii in multiple ways. You can visit <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670> online or call 1-888-252-6174 toll-free. Another option is to send a check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line to Global Ministries/UMCOR at GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068. Alternatively, you can also give the same check to our church on the special UMCOR fund and bring to check to the church with "Hawaii" written in the memo line.