Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Easter Sunday

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.

Bethesda United Methodist Church

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Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024 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 — Praise Band

"Alive Forever, Amen!"

Choral Introit — Sanctuary Choir

"This Joyful Eastertide" - Dutch Carol, arr. Charles Wood

Opening Music & Bringing the Light of Christ — Bethesda Bells

"The Strife is O'er" - Sherman

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished.

People: The brilliant Light of Hope has come!

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen!

* Opening Hymn — UMH 302 vv. 1-4

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

* Honest Confession, Compassionate Response

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God, Amen.

* Sharing of the Peace & Song — UMH 318 vv. 1-5

"Christ Is Alive"

LISTENING

Childrens Message

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118

Musical Selection — Praise Band

"My Redeemer Lives"

* Easter Prayer

Almighty God, as we celebrate the promise of Easter, remind us that no matter the situation, no matter the problem, no matter the trouble, the risen Christ is always with us. The Lord is ready and willing to receive us, redeem us, renew us, restore us, refresh us, and rebirth us now and always! Open our eyes to your constant presence and remind us that you are working out your redemptive purposes in our lives and in our world. Help us to savor the mighty power of this Resurrection Day; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

"Since By Man Came Death" - from Messiah
G.F. Handel

Scripture — Lynn Ricciardella

John 20:1-18

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

"Come to Jesus and Live"

RESPONDING

Reflective Song

"Unititled Hymn" (Come to Jesus)
Heidi Lewis, soloist & Jacob Couch, piano

Invitation to Offering & Offertory Music

* Doxology — UMH 315, v. 5

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

* Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Easter Anthem

"Hallelujah" from Messiah - G.F. Handel

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Choral Benediction & Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Closing Music

"Toccata" - C.M. Widor
from Symphony for Organ No. V

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
Tech: Steven Martin (livestream), Bob Gillette (slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour: Ada Wong & Haitao Wang, Andrew Foster

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, March 31: Easter Sunday

- 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service
- 9:30 am Youth Group (Hide the Eggs)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Please Donate

MISSION MONDAY FOR APRIL will be on Monday, April 8, 2024! We will collect individually wrapped meat and cheese sandwiches and baggies of homemade trail mix in the BUMC parking lot on Monday morning from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. These items will be delivered to McKenna's Wagon to be distributed that evening at various locations in DC. Additionally, we will accept non-perishable foods for our Little Free Pantry during the same time. If you are unable to come on Monday, you can leave sandwiches and trail mix in the refrigerator in the Church Kitchen on Sunday, April 7. Please mark your bag for Mission Monday. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, April 8!

FASTING PRAYER: 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.

- This April, we ask you to pray for the United Methodist Church as the delegates gather for the General Conference from April 23 to May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- The United Methodist Church (UMC) is currently in a crucial juncture in its history. This General Conference presents an opportunity for God and the Holy Spirit to work within us and through us for the betterment of the entire church. To assist with this, The Upper Room has provided a daily prayer guide specifically for the General Conference. If you want a printed copy, please contact the church office. Scan this QR code to download the guide.

WELCOME ABOARD! CELEBRATE JULIO'S FIRST MONTH AT UMYF! We are overjoyed to welcome our new Youth Director, Julio Da Silva, to our church family! Julio brings a wealth of experience, boundless enthusiasm, and a deep love for God and people. Celebrate Julio's first month by joining us for UMYF on Sunday, April 7, 14, and 28, from 5:00-6:30 PM. Experience enriching fellowship, engage in fun activities, and get to know Julio better. If you can provide dinner for any of these gatherings, please email shaw@washmorefeet.org for a link to the Google sheet.

THE BUMC LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY, located on our church property, continues to be incredibly popular. When BUMC volunteers put cans of food, pasta, cereal, soup, and tuna into the pantry, they disappear overnight. It's almost impossible to keep it full. When you go grocery shopping, please try to buy extra cans of tuna, jars of peanut butter, spices, toilet paper, socks, and a few of your favorite non-perishable foods (no glass jars, please).

You have three options for dropping off food for the BUMC Food Pantry. You can put the food you buy directly into the pantry, place the food in the basket in the BUMC Narthex, or bring non-perishable food on Mission Mondays when you bring sandwiches or trail mix. If you have questions, please contact Janet Edmonds at j.edmonds@erols.com.

EXPLORING JESUS' TEACHINGS: A DEEP DIVE INTO THE DIFFICULT WORDS: Embark on a fascinating journey every Tuesday night, starting April 9, as we delve into the study of "The Difficult Words of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine. This enlightening examination intends to illuminate how Jesus' challenging teachings may have resonated with the first listeners and how we might perceive them in the light of the Gospel's message of love and reconciliation. Join us on Zoom at 7:30 pm for this interactive study session, which includes author videos and lively discussions. Send your confirmation to Shaw@washmorefeet.org. Let's unravel the profound together!