Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, April 21, 2024

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. 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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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 21, 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

Choral Introit — Sanctuary Choir

Opening Music & Bringing the Light of Christ

"Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" - (Liebster Jesu)
J.S Bach, arr. Fox/Hebble

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: Jesus reminded the disciples:

People: Love one another as I have loved you.

Leader: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love:

People: Love one another as I have loved you.

Leader: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

People: Let us love one another as Christ loved us. AMEN.

* Opening Hymn — UMH 64 vv.1-4

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" -

Psalter & Sung Response — Psalm 46, UMH 780, Sung Response 1

Sung response: A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Leader: God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved;
God will help it at the dawn of the day.

**People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
God's voice resounds, the earth melts.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord,
who has wrought desolations in the earth;

**People: Who makes wars cease to the end of the earth,
breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire!**

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God.
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Sung response: A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

* Sharing of the Peace & Song — Praise Band

"The Same Love"

LISTENING

Children's Message

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs. - 1Corinthians 13:4-6

Musical Selection — Libby Harrison, soloist

"Always On the Way" - Kaple

Prayers of the People

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

"Love Has Broken Down the Wall" - Miller

Scripture Reading — Janet Tyson

Acts 15:36-41

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

"... Know that I am God:" General Conference 2024 II

Hymn of Reflection — UMH 117, v. 6

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering & Offertory Music — Bethesda Bells

"I WIll Arise and Go to Jesus" - Matthew Compton

* Doxology — UMH 95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — UMH 120 vv. 1-4

"Your Love, O God"

* Dismissal & Blessing

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

Closing Music

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (Grosser Gott) - Manz
tune from Maria Theresa, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna 1774

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: Sam Bohn (livestream), Albert Sim (slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour: Libby Harrison, Sue Owen

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, April 21

- 8:45 am PTR Class
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose

Please Donate

RUMMAGE SALE: Bethesda United Methodist Church's annual rummage sale, also known as the church yard sale, is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event is an opportunity to recycle items you no longer need and find treasures and bargains for your loved ones and home. The proceeds will support the BUMC Foster Care Ministry and other Social Justice Outreach activities.

Donations can be dropped off at the BUMC Narthex between Monday, May 6, and Friday, May 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help sort and arrange donations during this period. Please note that donations of baby cribs or heavy furniture will not be accepted. BUMC volunteers are also needed to assist with setting up and moving sale items outside on the morning of the rummage sale, starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11. Thank you for your support!

EXPLORING JESUS' TEACHINGS: A DEEP DIVE INTO THE DIFFICULT WORDS: Embark on a fascinating journey every Tuesday night 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.

You have two options for when you want to delve into this study. First, you can join us on Zoom at 7:30 pm for this interactive study session, which includes author videos and lively discussions. Whether it's one session or all, we look forward to your participation. Send your confirmation to Shaw@washmorefeet.org. Or, join us on Wednesdays at noon for the same study at Prayer Bites. If you want to study with us in person, pack your lunch and bring along your eager hearts as we delve into these tough passages.

TEACHING ENGLISH CONVERSATION AT HUREE UNIVERSITY AS A SUMMER MISSION: BUMC provided support to Huree University with a Christmas offering by granting scholarships to students. Huree University is a Methodist-related information technology school located in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Mongolia is a provisional annual conference of the United Methodist Church.

- **WHAT:** Teaching Summer English Conversation Learning Academy
- **WHEN:** One month, either July or August. The exact dates depend on your schedule. Note that the famous Nadaam Festival takes place in July.
- **ROOM & BOARD:** Accommodation in an apartment will be provided.
- **FOOD:** You will need to cover the cost of your food.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** A car will be provided.
- **TOUR:** An English-speaking tour guide will be recommended. You will be responsible for paying the fee.

*For your reference, Mongolia's currency is $1:3,450 MNT. It is incredibly affordable.

If God is calling you to serve in this capacity as a short-term missionary from BUMC, please get in touch with Rev. HiRho at hrpark@washmorefeet.org.