Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, May 5, 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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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 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 — Max Nolin

Choral Introit

Opening Music & Bringing the Light of Christ — Max Nolin

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: Come, sing a new song to God!
Remember all the times full of wonder

**People: Plug in the keyboard; tune up those guitars;
try out the drums!**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
Open the windows!
Listen to the choirs outdoors and in this place

**People: Let the hills sing together for joy!
For God is not done doing wonders!
God is coming to set everything right.
Sing a new song to God!**

* Opening Hymn — UMH 89 vv. 1-4

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

* Sharing of the Peace & Song — UMH 437, v. 3

"This Is My Song"

Childrens Message

There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of your are one in Christ Jesus. - Galatians 3:28

Hymn — UMH 68 vv. 1-5

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering & Offertory Music

* Doxology — UMH 95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer

LISTENING

Prayers of the People

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

"Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Dennis Allen

Scripture

Psalm 98

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

A New Song for United Methodists

Hymn of Reflection — UMH 77

"How Great Thou Art"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Music During Communion

"Hungry"

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — UMH 438 vv. 1-4

"Forth In Thy Name, O Lord"

* Dismissal & Blessing

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

Closing Music — Max Nolin

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Worship Leader: Neil Gregory
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Sam Bohn (livestream), Holly Pannullo (slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour: Enrica Lipata, Joy Harwood

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, May 5

- 8:45 am PTR Class
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose
- 11:15 am Listening Session: Michael O'Hanlon
- 5:00 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Please Donate

LISTENING SESSION ON THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HAMAS *with Michael E. O'Hanlon, today after worship, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

Plan to join us after worship for an enlightening session with Michael O'Hanlon called, "Understanding the Goals—and Grievances—of the Key Actors and Peoples of the Middle East: An Historical Perspective (from an Amateur!)" Michael O'Hanlon is an American policy analyst currently serving as director of research and senior fellow of the foreign policy program at the Brookings Institution, and a member of our church. If you struggle to understand what's going on, or if you see the issues as purely black and white, you won't want to miss this informative conversation.

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. Drop off donations in our Narthex this week between Monday 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!

SPECIAL EVENT: MAY 19, 3:00 P.M., SANCTUARY: "YOU CAN'T PLAY THAT IN CHURCH!"
"Flashdance/What A Feeling," "Danny Boy," "Rolling In the Deep," music from the "Pirates of the Caribbean" film series, and some Beatles songs…yes, these are, at the very least, examples of music you may not expect to hear in church. But if you come to the BUMC Sanctuary on Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m., you will indeed hear these selections at what we're calling a "May Musical Mosaic." Join Capital Carillon, Bethesda Bells, the Sanctuary Choir, and some of the Praise Band instrumentalists for a truly fun event featuring the aforementioned selections, some greatest hits (pieces we've played throughout this year), and a few other surprises. It promises to be a fun and memorable afternoon. A free-will offering will be taken.

KIDS WITH PURPOSE FUNDRAISER: On Sunday, May 12, Kids With Purpose will learn from one of BUMC's confirmands about God's love for all creation and our role in helping protect animals and the environment. In the Narthex after church, they will share animal bookmarks they have made and vegan candies to help raise money for the US Humane Society. Cash or Venmo donations are welcomed. Thank you for supporting service opportunities for BUMC's children.

HONORING OUR GUIDING LIGHTS - CALLING ALL 2024 GRADUATES! On Sunday, May 12, we're setting aside time to celebrate our dedicated learners – the 2024 Graduates! Whether you are stepping up from high school, accomplishing your college journey, or ascending the graduate school pinnacle, we are eager to honor you. So, please provide us with your name or your graduate's name, the institution of graduation, and the degree earned. We need the information as soon as possible. Send your details to julio@washmorefeet.org. Be there – we look forward to celebrating with you!