Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, June 9, 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!

We Are a "Wash More Feet" Congregation

Growing together to love
and serve Christ, our neighbor,
our world.

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Third Sunday After Pentecost
Pride Sunday

Sunday, June 9, 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

Pre-Service Music and Bringing the Light of Christ

"Adagio" from Symphony V for Organ - C.M. Widor

Introit — Rock Creek Singers, Zachary Barger - soloist

"Steal Away"

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

BUMC Welcoming Statement *(on bulletin cover)*

* Opening Hymn — UMH 660

"God Is Here"

* Responsive Reading — Psalm 138

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness;

Leader: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

People: On the day I called, you answered me, you strengthened my life.

Leader: All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

People: for they have heard the words of your mouth;

Leader: and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

People: for great is the glory of the Lord.

Leader: For the Lord is high, but regards the lowly;

People: yet knows the haughty from afar.

Leader: Though I walk amid trouble, you preserve my life;

People: you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

Leader: O Lord, fulfill your purpose for me;

**People: O Lord, may your steadfast love endure forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

* Sharing of the Peace — Rock Creek Singers

"Stand By Me" - Moses Hogan
- Adapted for TTBB chorus by Javon Byam

LISTENING

Children's Message

Musical Selection — Rock Creek Singers, James Turner - soloist

"We Rise" - Levine

Prayers of the People

Musical Selection — Rick Bennett, soloist

"Nearer My God to Thee" - arr. Stevens

Scripture Reading — Lynn Ricciardella

Mark 3:20-35

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

Putting The Pieces Back Together

Reflective Moments — Rock Creek Singers

"23rd Psalm (Dedicated to My Mother)" - Bobby McFerrin

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering & Offertory Music — Rock Creek Singers

"Make Them Hear You" - arr. Funk

* Doxology — UMH 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — UMH 560

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Choral Benediction & Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World — Rock Creek Singers

"May the Road Rise" - Traditional Irish Blessing, adapted by Gerald Gurss

Closing Music

"Fugue à la Gigue" BWV 577, J.S. Bach

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), Bob Gillette (slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour: Andrew Foster, Paul Zabel

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, June 9: Pride Day, Rock Creek Singers

- 9:50 am Pre-Service Music
- 10:00 am Worship (in-person/online)
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose
- 11:15 am Manna Packers
- 11:15 am Trustees Meeting
- 5:00 pm Racial Justice Witness

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP FEATURING THE GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC: Today we celebrate Pride Sunday with a special worship service featuring a performance by the Rock Creek Singers, part of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC. Bethesda UMC is honored to host this incredible group, whose mission is to "sing to inspire equality and inclusion with musical performances and education promoting justice and dignity for all." In appreciation of their inspiring work, we will have a love offering dedicated to supporting the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC.

PRIDE FESTIVAL TODAY: Following Sunday's service, join us at the Pride Festival from noon to five on Pennsylvania Avenue! We warmly invite volunteers to assist from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It's a fantastic opportunity to express support and camaraderie within our community. Remember, your presence makes a world of difference.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION ON JUNE 16: Please pray for the renewal and strength of our fathers and all men who bear the heavy responsibilities of supporting their families. They need our spiritual and emotional care and support. Rev. Julio Da Silva will bring the message.

SUMMER CHOIRS – There will be three more opportunities to sing with the summer choir this summer; July 7, August 4, and August 18. Rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m. on those dates in the Sanctuary. The music is light, fun, meaningful, and accessible – that is to say just about anyone can sing it. There's safety in numbers, so come out and sing on those dates…who knows? You may enjoy it enough to become a regular part of the choir in the fall!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUNE 17-21: Preparations are underway for BUMC to host another VBS for children in the community from June 17-21. We are also looking for additional volunteers during VBS week. If you can help, please contact Dennis@washmorefeet.org. If you haven't registered your preschoolers or elementary-aged children yet, there's still time! Contact Dennis at dennis@washmorefeet.org to register.

KIDS WITH PURPOSE: Summer is here, and we invite you to sign up to teach our kids about your home country or heritage. As a very diverse church, we believe it's important to share our rich cultures with our children. Please help us by volunteering for a Sunday - scan the QR code to sign up!

HYMN SINGS THIS SUMMER: During the pandemic, we gathered online to sing some favorite hymns along with some less-familiar/rarely used selections in our hymnals. When we were able to get back together in the Sanctuary, the fun factor increased significantly…yes, we couldn't believe it either, so you'll just have to come out and see for yourself!

The dates this year are Monday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m., and Monday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. Questions? See Chris Warrington or Max Nolin anytime!