

WELCOME TO BETHESDA UMC

Sunday, July 10, 2022



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 RE-ENTRY PLAN

BUMC, under the guidance of our Re-Entry Team, has determined that masks are currently optional in worship, in all other church activities, and in all church spaces, **EXCEPT** for indoor activities involving children who are not vaccine eligible. This includes KWP, the Nursery and the Pre-K through Grade 1 Sunday School class. See washmorefeet.org/reentry for more information.

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8300 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814 ❖ 301-652-2990 ❖ washmorefeet.org

Rev. Dr. HiRho Park: Lead Pastor
(Hrpark@washmorefeet.org)

Shaw Brewer: Minister of Worship & Justice
(Shaw@washmorefeet.org)

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 10, 2022 + 10:00 am

Note: BUMC's services are livestreamed. 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/PRELUDE

Chris Warrington

"I Come With Joy" - Cherwein

CANDLE LIGHTING

TOLLING OF THE BELL

Ring church bells reminds the world God holds the future of humanity.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **GREETING**

Leader: Right now, O God, we stop and just celebrate.
We have grins on our faces and clap our hands with joy
to know that you love us, that we are not alone...

People: We are not alone. Hallelujah!

Leader: That our sins are forgiven...

People: Our sins are forgiven! Hallelujah!

Leader: And, we are on a great adventure with you.

**People: Thank you for allowing me to be a part of
your kingdom on earth. Amen!**

* **OPENING HYMN**

UMH 89

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

* **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

TFWS 2128

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

LISTENING

NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer requests can be shared at washmorefeet.org/pray

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Kate Ricciardella

Matthew 13:44-50

MESSAGE

Rev. HiRho

"The Pearl of Great Price: The Kingdom of Heaven"

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

You can place your offering in the plate, share your gifts online at www.washmorefeet.org/give or use our Text-to Give option (text the amount of your donation to 301-679-7266)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Chris Warrington

"Canzona" - Mozart

* DOXOLOGY

UMH 160, vs. 5

"Rejoice! Ye Pure In Heart"

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN

UMH 664

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

SENDING FORTH

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Holy God, through Jesus Christ, your inexpressibly precious gift,
you challenged us to give up earthly treasures and to store up
for ourselves treasures in heaven, where thieves cannot steal
and rust cannot destroy. Challenge us again, this day and every day,
to seek what you would most have us find, to your glory and
for the good of our neighbor; and may your Spirit keep us strong
in answering that challenge, day by day.

* EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLE

*Please remain in place as the candles are extinguished
until the pastors exit the sanctuary.*

POSTLUDE

Chris Warrington

From "The Water Music" - G.F. Handel

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

Minister of Worship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer

Director of Music: Chris Warrington **Director of Sanctuary Choir:** Max Nolin

Director of Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams

Acolyte: Andrew Ricciardella

Tech: Steven Martin (livestream), Thomas Tanman (Slides), David Flumbaum (sound)

Worship Co-Chairs: Sue O'Hara & Bill Allman

If you have any questions or wish to provide input about our worship services, please contact Sue (rockysmom51@gmail.com) or Bill (bilgerall@yahoo.com). We'd love to hear from you.

TODAY AT BUMC :

10:00 am **Worship** (in-person & online at washmorefeet.org/livestream)
Kids With Purpose (room 104)
5:00 pm **Racial Justice Witness**

SPECIAL COVID ADVISORY: We are seeing an increase in COVID cases in Montgomery County and of known positive cases within the congregation. People are encouraged, but not required, to wear masks and maintain physical distancing before, during, and after worship.

OUR NEW WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED: washmorefeet.org has undergone a complete overhaul, and you'll find many new features unrolling over the next few weeks. We've designed it to be more functional and easier to navigate. Yes, of course there will still be some dust in the corners here and there, but the staff is working hard to get everything up to date. Soon you will be able to take online courses, receive text messages (signup required), find worship streams and bulletins more easily, and even purchase BUMC swag! Contact communications@washmorefeet.org for info.

RACIAL JUSTICE WITNESSING VIGIL - BUMC's commitment to racial justice witnessing will continue during the summertime. We invite you to join the Racial Justice Team on the Old Georgetown Road side of the church this afternoon at 5:00 pm. Be the witness for Christ who died and was raised for all people!

A NEW MINISTRY TITLED "YOU ARE KNOWN:" Every week, the church's prayer group and both prayer services will pray for seven families or individuals. We do this so that everyone knows they are known and seen by the church, even when they feel forgotten or uncounted by the world around them. As this ministry grows, we hope to lift you up to God in the coming months and years.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES AND SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY - How did Jesus adapt his parables for his first-century audience? Why did the parables always leave people, including the disciples, perplexed? Why did he need to use them in the first place? And what do they have to say to us? We'll look at the parables using Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Short Stories by Jesus*, to answer these questions. We hope you'll join us for this challenging study full of short stories that should be on everyone's summer reading list. Email shaw@washmorefeet.org for more information.

BUMC KIDS: WHO WANTS TO SERVE IN WORSHIP THIS SUMMER? This is a great time to learn to serve in new ways. Do you want to learn to acolyte, help with a Children's Message, sing a song? Email Beth@washmorefeet.org if there are ways your child and/or family would like to lead in worship.

JOIN US IN KIDS WITH PURPOSE this summer and learn about places around the world! We are super excited to have guests with us this summer, who will be teaching our children about Pakistan, India, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Peru and Ecuador.

Kids with Purpose will also be organizing two fundraisers to support the work of Heifer International. Be on the lookout for our Heifer Table in the Narthex on July 31 and August 28, and consider making a generous donation. Support transformational change from the ground up. Our projects provide animals, training and basic necessities to help families lift themselves out of poverty. For more information about the great work that Heifer does, go to www.Heifer.org.