



North Bethesda United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Pledge Sunday

Prelude		Simon Charette
Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		Paul Hurlburt
	As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things, so God pours love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness, healing and peace. We have been blessed with many gifts, talents, and resources. God invites us to use these to make love come alive in this world. Come, let us worship the One who partners with us in change-making! Praise be to God, who has blessed us with abundance!	
*Opening Hymn	"What Gift Can We Bring"	UMH 87
Word for All Ages		Tsitsi Sithole
Prayers of the People		
Hymn	"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"	TFWS 2193
Witness		Jerome Williams
Anthem	"All Good Gifts" (by Stephen Schwartz, arr. Richard Walters)	NBUMC Choir
Scripture Reading	Esther 4:1-17	Paul Hurlburt
Message	"Put Me In, Coach!"	Rev. Kara
Celebration of Gifts & Commitments		

Prayer of Dedication

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves; when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little; when we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of the things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the water of life. Stir us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas, where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes and to push us into the future in strength, courage, hope and love. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH 593

*Sung Benediction

“Heart” (by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross)

NBUMC Choir

*Blessing

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Postlude

*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

The Call to Worship is by Nancy C. Townley, and the Prayer of Dedication is originally by Rev. Addison H. Groff, later adapted by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Take Note!

- Join us after worship today for a **Town Hall Meeting**, hosted by the NBUMC Board. We will provide lunch, share updates and next steps from our Deep Listening Project, and have plenty of time to receive questions you may have. All are welcome!
- This week, NBUMC is providing and serving dinner to the guests and staff at the **Interfaith Works Women’s Shelter**. We are grateful to everyone who is taking part in this ministry! Our youth group is in charge of tonight’s dinner and will be gathering at NBUMC starting at 3:30 to prepare the food. All are welcome to come join us!
- Our Service and Outreach Committee invites us all to contribute toward a church-wide effort to assemble 200 or more **UMCOR Hygiene Kits**. We are raising money this month to purchase the supplies that will go into the kits; each kit costs roughly \$20. Your check or online contribution marked “UMCOR Hygiene Kits” will help us reach our \$2000 goal (donation deadline is October 31st), and then people of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join us for the hands-on service project on November 17th.
- Next Sunday, November 3rd, is **All Saints Sunday**. If you have lost a loved one in the year since last All Saints Day and would like a candle lit and their name read aloud and printed in our bulletin, please email the person’s name, date of passing, and a photo (if you have one) to Gwendolyn by this Wednesday, October 30th.
- We will hold a very simple **prayer service on Election Night**, from 7-7:30pm on Tuesday, November 5th. All are welcome to come and share in sung prayer and silence, in the style of the Taizé community. The sanctuary will again be open for quiet prayer during the day on Wednesday, November 6th. Taizé Tuesdays will continue every Tuesday following, through December 17th.

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