



# North Bethesda United Methodist Church

May 18, 2025

Prelude

"Prelude in D Major" (J.S. Bach)

Simon Charette

Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Gordon Cragg

Jesus offers a new-old commandment:

**that we should love each other.**

With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth  
of God's love for us,  
we can,

**we must,**

we must

**love one another.**

And it is in this,

**our love for one another,**

that the world will know

whom and what we worship.

Come, children of God,

**let us love one another.**

\*Opening Hymn

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place"

UMH 334

Word for All Ages

Hymn

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

UMH 560

Prayers of the People

Anthem

"Thy Perfect Love" (John Rutter)

NBUMC Choir

Scripture Readings

Acts 11:1-18  
John 13:31-35

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Message	"Wider Still"	Rev. Kara
Offertory	"Draw the Circle Wide"	W&S 3154
*Doxology	"The Gift of Love"	UMH 408 v.3
*Unison Prayer	<p><b>Gracious and holy God, thank you for the love you give us that knows no bounds. Help us to hear anew your commandment to love one another, and to realize that it applies to everyone we encounter. As children of God, who long to serve you, your children, and your creation, we ask that you accept our offering, multiplying it as we use it, here in this place and beyond. In Jesus' holy name we pray, amen</b></p>	
*Closing Hymn	"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"	TFWS 2223
*Sung Benediction	"Hallelujah, Amen" (G.F Handel)	NBUMC Choir
*Blessing		
Postlude	"March in D Major" (Ernest Dicks)	Simon Charette

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\*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit

The Call to Worship is by Rev. Katherine Hawker, and the Unison Prayer is adapted from worship resources from the Greater New Jersey Conference of the UMC.

### Take Note!

- Our Methodist History Class begins today after worship, and all are invited to join Rev. Joye Jones in the Parlor beginning at 11:30am. Joye has taught American Methodist History for the Course of Study at Wesley Theological Seminary since 2017, and is delighted to have a chance to share the story of our denomination with NBUMC. The class will meet for four consecutive weeks.
- Youth Group for people in grades 6-12 will meet here at NBUMC from 5-7pm for dinner and games. The school year is rapidly drawing to a close, and we look forward to a Potluck Picnic on May 25<sup>th</sup> to celebrate. There is also still time to join our summer service trip to Appalachia Service Project (July 20-26<sup>th</sup>.) Email Suzanne Smedberg, our Youth Coordinator, at [ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com](mailto:ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com) for more information.
- Are you interested in becoming a member of NBUMC? We have a New Members Class forming this spring and would love to have you take part. Email Rev. Kara ([kara@northbethesdaumc.org](mailto:kara@northbethesdaumc.org)), or leave a note on a Contact Card (found in the hymnals) for more information.

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