



North Bethesda United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Prelude		Simon Charette
Introit	"Thy Word Is a Lamp"	NBUMC Choir
Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		Pamela Major
	Light of our night, you rise among us. We waken to your glory, and we praise you. Light of our lives, you illumine our way. We follow your radiance, and we thank you. Light of our souls, you shine within us. Alleluia! We open our hearts to your presence, and we turn to you, that we may follow your light, and walk in your way. Come, Spirit of Life, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!	
*Opening Hymn	"Gather Us In"	TFWS 2236
Word for All Ages		
Prayers of the People	"Kyrie Eleison"	TFWS 2275
Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:1-13	Pamela Major
Message	"Two Kinds of People in the World?"	Rev. Kara
Offertory	"Keep Your Lamps"	NBUMC Choir



*Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

*Unison Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery of your life among, within, and beyond us. Gratefully we give you our gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. Guide us by your light, shape us by your Word, and send us into the world to serve others, for the sake of the healing of the world, in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 431

Blessing

Postlude

*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

The Call to Worship and Unison Prayer are by Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

Take Note!

- Are you interested in finding out more about membership at NBUMC? Our fall New Members class begins on Sunday, November 19th, after worship. We will meet in Rev. Kara's office from 11:15-12:15 for the introductory session, and then a second session will take place after worship on Sunday, December 3rd. Whether you are certain you would like to "make it official" and join our church family, or are just curious, this is a great opportunity to learn more and get to know some familiar faces.
- Back by popular demand, our weekly services of music and silence in the style of the Taizé community in France have returned. All are invited to join us in the sanctuary on Tuesday evenings from 7-7:30pm for a contemplative time of singing and silence. Come as you are, to sit in the light of Christ and the warmth of the community surrounding you, for just 30 minutes a week, and see what a difference it makes in your holiday season this year!
- Advent Bible Studies will start the week of November 26th. One group will meet in person at 6pm on Tuesdays (leading into the 7pm Taize service.) The second group will meet on Zoom at noon on Mondays. Both groups will meet for four weeks, finishing up the week before Christmas. Let Rev. Kara know if you are interested in joining or would like to help lead a group!
- Thanksgiving is coming up! Do you have an extra place at your table for an NBUMC friend? Or are you finding yourself without plans this year and looking for a group with whom you can celebrate? If either is the case for you, let Rev. Kara know, and we can make sure that everyone in our community is connected with a nourishing meal and good company on Thanksgiving.

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