

NURTURING OUR INNER CHILD OF GOD



North Bethesda United Methodist Church

September 6, 2026

A Season of Play Week 9 - Simon Says

Prelude

Simon Charette

Welcome & Introduction

Rev. Kara

*Sung Call to Worship

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"
Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, early 5th century

UMH 184 v. 1

*Opening Prayer

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. We offer our worship, our gifts, and the intentions of our hearts to you in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen.

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*Opening Hymn

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"
Words by Charles Wesley, 1746; Music by G.F. Handel, 1752

UMH 716 v. 1,4

Word for All Ages

Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me" v.1
Words by Anna B. Warner, 1860; Music by William B. Bradbury, 1862

UMH 191

Scripture Reading

Psalms 29

Paul Hurlburt

Hymn

"Steal Away" v.1
African American Spiritual

UMH 704

Prayers of the People

"O-so-so"
Geon-yong Lee, 1988

TFWS 2232

Hymn

"Stand By Me" v.1,3
Charles Albert Tindley, 1906

UMH 512

Holy Communion

"Eat This Bread"

UMH 628

Robert Batastini, Jacques Berthier, and the Taizé Community, 1982

Hymn

"Everlasting God"

W&S 3021

Brenton Brown, 2006

Requests from Congregation

Sending Prayer

"Thuma Mina"

UMH 497

Traditional South African

Postlude

Simon Charette

*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

The Opening Prayer is by Rev. Kara.

Take Note!

- We are looking for people with weekday availability to **help sort and organize** items on the lower level of the church in the coming weeks, as we enter a time of transition between ministry uses and tenants. Are you able to come lend a hand for a few hours? Email Rev. Kara with your availability! We will also schedule a weekend church work day for later in September; stay tuned!
- Joye Jones will be offering **training for liturgists**, especially for those who haven't done it but want to try! If you have been a liturgist but haven't taken the training, this is your chance. And, if you've taken the training before and want to brush up, this is for you, too. Any age is welcome as long as you can read aloud clearly! There will be two sessions following worship: next Sunday, September 13, and Sunday, September 20. You need to attend only one of them. If you're interested, please let Joye know by September 10, indicating which date you prefer. Talk with Joye Jones: joyefulj@verizon.net or 240-481-9724.
- Families of **3rd - 5th graders** will gather for a brief meeting after worship next Sunday, September 13, from 11ish to 11:30am, to schedule quarterly service and fellowship activities for older elementary students before they head off to Youth Group in sixth grade. We will meet on the stage of the Fellowship Hall. See you there!
- Our **Fall Youth Kickoff Event** will be next Sunday, September 13th, from 5-7 p.m. We will meet for a potluck dinner at Cabin John Park (7400 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda), and gather at Picnic Shelter B. This is a whole family event - youth (grades 6-12) are invited to bring your parents, siblings, and any friends you can gather. We will provide the main dish and paper products. Please bring a dish to share. RSVP to Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com. All are loved and all are welcome!
- The **Disciple Bible Study** Cohort has formed for this fall and will hold its first meeting on Sunday, September 20th, at 8 am in the Parlor. Materials will be ready after worship on September 13th. There is a waitlist for the course - if you would like to be added to the list, please contact either Bob Dean or Scott Roby, or email the church office!
- **Francis Asbury** was the most important person in the development and spread of Methodism in the American Colonies. Joye Jones present a talk about this remarkable man in Johnson Hall on Sunday, Sept 27, following the worship service.
- The **Women's Book Group** will be starting up this month for our first book conversation in October. Discussions are once a month on Sunday at 11:30 in the church Parlor, unless specified otherwise. No commitment necessary - read and join when you can. Suggestions for book titles are welcome. Please contact Monica Dean (monicakmonica@yahoo.com) or Linda Hall (auntlinda@verizon.net) to be added to the contact list.

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