

North Bethesda United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 28, 2024

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| Prelude | | Simon Charette |
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| Welcome and Announcements | | Janet Replogle |
| *Call to Worship | | Kim Santoro |
| | Your church gathers, Lord, in Maryland and Mississippi, in Senegal and Spain, and to the ends of the earth. Your church gathers, Lord, in city and country, in suburbs and slums, in sanctuaries and buildings, under trees and by streams of water. Your people gather to praise you, Lord, in Swahili and in Portuguese, with organ and guitar and drum, with voices of young and old, with song and with silence, with dance and with prayer. Your people praise you, Lord, for hope in the midst of despair, for strength in times of weakness, for justice in situations of oppression, for courage in the face of fear, for life in the midst of death. We are the people who call you Lord. Let everything that breathes, praise you Lord! | |
| *Opening Hy | mn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" | UMH 103 |
| Word for All | Ages | Tsitsi Sithole |
| Anthem | "The Gift of Love" | NBUMC Choir |

| Prayers of the People | Leader: Receive our prayer O Lord People: and have mercy upon us. | Monica Dean | |
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| Scripture Readings | Genesis 12:1-9 Matthew 22:34-40 | Kim Santoro | |
| Hymn | "Your Love, O God" | UMH 120 | |
| Message | | Bob Dean | |
| Offertory | | QR Code for Online Giving | |
| *Doxology | "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | UMH 94 | |
| Unison Prayer | | | |
| our Source and our Hope. We ask you to bless our giving: from the money we share, to the time we spend caring. Through our gifts, may our neighbors experience your presence surrounding them. Amen. *Closing Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS 2223 *Blessing & Postlude | | | |
| *Indicates rising in body and/or spirit. The Call to Worship is by Kristin Holbrook, and the Unison Prayer is adapted from Michelle Torigian. | | | |
| | Take Note! | | |
| Our Youth Group will meet next Sunday, May 5th, from 5-6:30pm. Everyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to join us for dinner, games, and a discussion. Email Rev. Kara if you have any questions! Join us after worship next Sunday for a special Pride Flag pull-apart cake celebration and fundraiser! Donations will go toward our shared local UMC participation in the DC Pride Parade in June. Pentecost is just around the corner! Join us on May 19th for our Pentecost Worship Service, which will be followed by a "Tongues of Fire" Chili Cookoff in the Fellowship Hall. As we enjoy everyone's chili, our Board will give a presentation in a Town Hall Meeting. All are welcome! Plans are underway for the next concert in our Community Concert Series. We are excited to welcome local artist Rochelle Rice, who will perform "And We Shall March: The Music of the 1963 March on Washington." Save the date for Sunday, June 2nd, at :00pm, and tell your friends! This concert will be FREE to everyone, with donations welcome to help perpetuate the concert series. | | | |
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