

NURTURING OUR INNER CHILD OF GOD



North Bethesda United Methodist Church

July 19, 2026

A Season of Play Week 2 -

Red Light/Green Light

Prelude

Tony Ashur

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Bob Dean

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

Let there be truth heard in the words we speak and the songs we sing.

Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair.

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

Let there be joy in our coming together.

Let us be nurtured in the presence of God.

*Opening Hymn

"God, the Sculptor of the Mountains"

TFWS 2060

Word for All Ages

Hymn

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

TFWS 2214

Prayers of the People

Bob Dean

Lighting the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice

One: ... The light shines in the darkness.

All: We stand in this light, unshaken, trusting that love will always outlast evil.

One: Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

All: Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Psalter Reading

Psalms 139

UMH 854

Scripture Reading

Exodus 13:17-22

Bob Dean

Message

"Give Me a Sign!"

Rev. Kara

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Root out what is unloving, and lead us in your life-giving way. We offer these gifts out of gratitude, and as symbols of our growing trust in you. Bless and use them, we pray. And bless and use us. Awaken us to the ways in which you are speaking to us, and give us the courage to make our answer with our lives. Amen.

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*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

The Call to Worship is by Bruce Prewer, and the Unison Prayer is adapted from Steve Garnaas Holmes.

Take Note!

- We are partnering with **Project Transformation** as they offer a summer reading camp to children in the Brightwood community of DC. If you would like to join us by volunteering to read one-on-one with children on a Monday or Tuesday this summer, or to cook dinner and eat with the college-aged interns one night this summer, we'd love to have you! Email Rev. Kara (kara@northbethesdaumc.org) for more details. We are also hoping to put together a Family Feud team for the PTDC Fundraiser on Thursday, July 30th. You can donate toward our team's fundraiser using the Offering QR code, and you are also welcome to compete as part of our team--just email the church office!
- Updates from the **Adult Discipleship & Education Ministry**: We are forming a *Disciple* Bible Study Cohort to begin this coming September. Meeting days and times are currently TBD based on what works for the people who are interested. A paper sign up sheet will be available at Coffee Hour, and/or you can email Scott Roby with questions or interest: scottruby1125@gmail.com.
- We are putting together a **bulletin board** to accompany our summer theme and are looking for your participation! You're invited to send to the office (office@northbethesdaumc.org) photos of yourself (or your friends or family) at play—sports, board games, make-believe, at the pool, etc. Summer vacation photos from this year, or photos from many years ago, all are welcome! We'll print them out (nothing will be shared on the internet/social media) and add them to our bulletin board.
- **K.U.T.A.M.B.A.** is a values-centered ministry created to nurture meaningful connections between our children and the wider congregation. Our value for July is Mindfulness. Please visit the K.U.T.A.M.B.A. Table during coffee hour for simple activities and ways to engage.

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