

North Bethesda United Methodist Church

November 8, 2026

Prelude		Simon Charette
Introit	"Thy Word is a Lamp"	
Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		Mark Aehle

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		
Hymn	"Bind Us Together"	TFWS 2226
Prayers of the People		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:1-13	Mark Aehle
Anthem	"Keep Your Lamps"	NBUMC Choir
Message	"Always a Bridesmaid"	Rev. Kara
Offertory		with Christianne Aranguren, Pamela Major, and Scott Roby

QR Code for Online Giving

*Doxology	"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"	TFWS 2219

*Unison Prayer

Watchful God, you call us to keep awake—to live with open eyes and attentive hearts, ready to recognize Christ in the needs and joys that surround us each day. As we bring these gifts, keep the flame of compassion burning within us. Fill us with the oil of kindness, generosity, and holy attentiveness, that our lives may shine with your love in a world too often dimmed by fear and indifference. Use these offerings and our willing spirits to bring light, hope, and welcome to your children. Keep us awake to your presence and faithful in your service, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "A Place at the Table"



*Blessing & Postlude Simon Charette

*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

"UMH" refers to the hardback *United Methodist Hymnal.* "TFWS" refers to the black softback hymnal, *"The Faith We Sing."*

The Call to Worship is by Steve Garnaas Holmes and the Unison Prayer is a resource from the Discipleship Ministries of the UMC.

Take Note!

- It's time to start bringing donations for our **Holiday Free Store**, scheduled for November 21st. Please bring new or used-but-gift-condition children's toys and holiday decorations to the church, through November 15th, and spread the word to friends and neighbors! Fliers are available in the Church Office.