


Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



North Bethesda United Methodist Church

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude		Simon Charette
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. T.C. Morrow
Lighting the Candle of Peace, Hope, & Justice		Hannah Williams
	One: ... The light shines in the darkness.	
	All: We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.	
	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.	
*Opening Hymn	"Jesus Calls Us"	UMH 398
Word for All Ages		Suzanne Smedberg
	<i>Following Word for All Ages, children ages 2-12 are invited to Sunday School downstairs. Families with children under 2 are warmly welcome to use the nursery downstairs with a parent or caregiver.</i>	
Sharing Joys & Concerns		
Prayer Hymn	"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"	TFWS 2232
Prayers of the People		Rev. T.C. Morrow
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 4:11-16 Luke 5:1-11	Hannah Williams
Anthem	"Go Forth into the World in Peace" (John Rutter)	NBUMC Choir
Message	"Bold in Your Part"	Rev. T.C. Morrow
Offertory		
		QR Code for Online Giving
		
*Doxology	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH 95

*Unison Prayer

Calling Christ, you invite us away from the shallows into deep water, where trust replaces certainty, and obedience becomes joy. As we offer these gifts, we remember that discipleship is more than surface faith; it is a willingness to follow you into risk, truth, and love. Take what we bring and shape it for your purposes: to mend nets, to speak truth with compassion, and to build a community that grows into your likeness. Be with us in the boat and on the journey, as we learn, stumble, and grow. Use these offerings to draw others into the deep, life-giving grace of your kin-dom. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH 593

*Blessing

Rev. T.C. Morrow

Postlude

Simon Charette

*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

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Take Note!

- Our **Women's Book Group** will meet TODAY after worship to discuss [The Life Impossible](#) by Matt Haig. All are welcome to join! The group will meet in the Parlor. Email the Church Office to get connected with the organizers, Monica Dean & Linda Hall.
- Spring Updates for the **Adult Discipleship and Education Ministry**: First, the next meeting of our Fourth Friday Faith on Film Night (aka F4) will be April 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. A light meal will be provided! Our theme is "Savior on the Silver Screen," and the featured film will be the Canadian drama and satire, *Jesus of Montreal* (1989; rated R). Second, we hope to begin an eight-week book study focusing on the relationship between imagination and our holy Scripture starting on April 19th, at 11:30 am in the Parlor (but only if there is enough interest). If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Scott Roby by APRIL 15th to ensure your copy of text, *Knock At The Sky: Seeking God in Genesis After Losing Faith in the Bible*, by Liz Charlotte Grant (2025). Scott's contact information: scottroby1125@gmail.com.
- **We Are Blessed to Be a Blessing**: People in need often come by the church office asking for help. SOC is gathering grocery-store gift cards (Giant, Safeway, etc.) plus snacks to give out to folks who need a little help. We invite you to bring grocery gift cards (\$20-25 preferred) and place them in the offering plate on Sundays. We also ask you to bring easily-managed snacks like peanut butter or cheese crackers, tuna/chicken pouches, granola bars, etc. and place them in the marked "Blessing Basket" in the narthex. Please be sure that the snacks do not require a can opener or other utensils. Ask Joye Jones if you have questions – joyefulj@verizon.net or 240-481-9724.
- **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 April is Trust. 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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