



North Bethesda United Methodist Church

October 5, 2025

World Communion Sunday

Prelude	"Them & Variations" (Claude Balbastre)	Simon Charette
Introit	"We are One in Christ Jesus (Somos Uno en Cristo)"	NBUMC Choir
Welcome & Announcements		
*Call to Worship		Piper Hendricks
<p>"Invitation," by Shel Silverstein: <i>If you are a dreamer, come in, If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar, A hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean buyer... If you're a pretender, come sit by my fire For we have some flax-golden tales to spin. Come in! Come in!</i></p> <p>God's welcome is as wide as our world, and it includes everyone. No matter what we have done or haven't done, No matter how we identify, and regardless of shame or shortcomings, We are welcomed in.</p> <p>Welcome, children of God, to a time to sit by the fire, a time to dream dreams a time to be fed in body and in spirit, in story and in song. Come in! Come in!</p>		
*Opening Hymn	"Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo Santo Santo"	UMH 64/65
Word for All Ages		
Prayers of the People	"Come Now, O Prince of Peace (O-so-so)"	TFWS 2232
Scripture Reading	Acts 10:1-33	Piper Hendricks
Message	"I am the Church! You are the Church?"	Rev. Kara



*Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

Holy Communion

Songs During Communion

"Eat This Bread"

UMH 628

Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry;

Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

"Jesus Remember Me"

UMH 488

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom

Jesús, recuérdame cuando entres en tu Reino

*Closing Hymn

"We Are Marching (Siyahamba)"

TFWS 2235b

*Blessing & Postlude

"Prelude in F Major" (J.S Bach)

Simon Charette

"Invitation" is from *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein, Harper and Row, 1974, and the rest of the Call to Worship was written by Rev. Kara. The Communion Liturgy was prepared by Lydia Muñoz.

Take Note!

- We are collecting snacks and other good care-package items for our **College Care Packages**, which we will pack and send together after worship on Sunday, November 2nd. See the basket in the Narthex for details. We are also collecting money for **UMCOR Hygiene Kits**, which are sent as part of relief work in the aftermath of disasters. We are hoping to buy supplies for 300 kits this year (at \$10/kit), and everyone is invited to help assemble the kits on Sunday, November 9th, after worship. Donate by check or online!
- Our annual **Church Conference** will be held on Saturday, October 18th, beginning at 8:30am. We will gather here in our Sanctuary, along with the other United Methodist congregations in our geographic hub. If you are available to help provide hospitality for our guests that morning, please let Rev. Kara know.
- Tell your fuzzy/scaly friends that their moment is almost here: our annual **Blessing of the Pets** will be on Sunday, October 26th, at 4:30pm. We'll gather outside for a short service, and everyone will get a blessing. Feel free to bring a picture of your pet if physically transporting them proves too complicated. Stuffed animals also welcome!
- We are excited to host a **baby shower** for Matt and Rev. Kara on Saturday, November 1st, at 11:00 a.m. People of all genders and ages are invited to celebrate in the excitement of the upcoming birth of Matt and Rev. Kara's baby. Gifts are not required, but for those who would like to bring something, a gift of clothes (any size from 3 months to 18 months) or a favorite children's book would be welcome. Our organizing team is also grateful for monetary donations to help with the cost of the shower, which will be catered. Feel free to reach out to Rose Aehle (raehle1@aol.com), Diane Walsh-Barberisi, or Penny Clarke if you're able to come and with any other questions.

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