

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

August 20, at 9:00 AM

Season of Kingdomtide



Making the Love of God Obvious

Our Commitment

We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

An Invitation

As faith awakens in you and you seek to deepen your discipleship of Jesus Christ, we invite you to become a member of National United Methodist Church. Indicate your interest in membership on the attendance registry today and our Minister of Discipleship will extend an invitation to upcoming orientations and then an introduction to the faith community.

August 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM

✠ Standing as you are able | **UMH**: United Methodist Hymnal | **FWS**: Faith We Sing

PRELUDE

Flute Sonata in g minor, BWV 1020: Allegro

BACH

Junghoon Park, piano and Kerm Towler, flute

*Children are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring!
Children will enter ringing bells after the Words of Welcome.*

GATHERING IN GRATITUDE

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

BELL PROCESSION

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

All Creatures of Our God and King v.1,5,7

UMH 62

✠ **CALL to WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 145

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

ONE: Each generation must learn anew the efficacy of silence,
the wisdom of turning inward, that Divine Light might be their
guide to holiness and Divine Love nurture them toward wholeness.

ALL: O, Heart of my heart, envelop me! I know You are near to all
who call upon You. Help me rebuild the soul of the world
with radical trust, love, and wonder!
(from Psalms for Praying by Nan Merrill)

✠ **CALL to CONFESSION**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

Confession – Assurance of Forgiveness – Sharing the Peace

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

UMH 74, response 2

INVITATION to OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston



Please register your attendance and write prayer requests at this time. Ushers will receive these with the morning offering during the Offertory. The QR code may be used for online sharing. If you would like to join a “Saving Grace” 6-week study on personal finance in October, contact communications@NationalChurch.org for more information.

OFFERTORY

Beautiful Things

Beth Revell, alto

Michael Gungor and Lisa Gungor

✠ **DEDICATION**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Young children are invited to join the procession to the altar at this time, remaining in the front for the Children’s Message.

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

Children may gather with the leader on the chancel steps for an age-appropriate Bible lesson.

HYMN of HOPE

Wonderful Words of Life, v.1

UMH 600

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

LUKE 13:6-9

LUKE 21:29-31

Choral Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words! Wonderful words of life!

SERMON

The Purpose of Worship: Seek and Find

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

RESPONDING IN LOVE

✠ PRAYER of COMMITMENT

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

✠ CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE

On Eagle's Wings

Junghoon Park, piano and Kerm Towler, flute

Michael Joncas
Arr. Mark Albrecht

Rev. Grayland Snead, *Director of Music*

Junghoon Park, *accompanist*

Beth Revell, *alto*

Kerm Towler, *flute*

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Janet Craswell, *Minister of Discipleship*

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston, *Pastor of Congregational Care*

Angela Pupino, *Student Ministries Coordinator*

Katherine Sanchez, *Media Team*

Greg Denton, *Media Team*

Angel Nuñez, *Building Support Team*

The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by

Amelia Duroska

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Blessing of the Backpacks: On Sunday, August 27 we will bless our children, youth, and teachers as they head back to school. Bring your school backpack to either worship service to receive a blessing tag!



3rd Grade Bibles: At National UMC we give Bibles to our 3rd graders to encourage them on their journey of faith. If you are the parent/guardian of a 3rd grader and have not yet given their name to Rev. Janet, please send it to jcraswell@nationalchurch.org before September 1. We will present 3rd Grade Bibles on Sunday, September 17.



Sunday School Registration is open now! Please register your children and youth for the 2023-24 Sunday school year. Registration allows us to give our young people a safe and welcoming experience. Use this QR or go to www.nationalchurch.org/children to register. Sunday school for children and youth will begin September 10 at the Metropolitan Memorial Campus.



Upcoming Events – www.nationalchurch.org/event-calendar



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