



## METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL CAMPUS

3401 Nebraska Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C

NATIONAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00AM Traditional Service

APRIL 28, 2024

# Happy Arbor Day



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### 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 welcome cards today and our Minister of Discipleship will extend an invitation to upcoming orientations and then an introduction to the faith community.*

[www.nationalchurch.org](http://www.nationalchurch.org) | (202) 363-4900 | [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org)

Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!

\* Standing as you are able | **UMH:** United Methodist Hymnal | **TFWS:** The Faith We Sing

**PRELUDE** *This Is My Father's World* Children's Choir

**CENTERING SILENCE**

As chime is sounded, please observe reverent silence  
for a moment in preparation for worship.

**CHORAL INTROIT** *A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays* Chancel Choir  
Jean Berger

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

**WELCOME** Rev. Janet Craswell

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Children hear an age-appropriate lesson for the day. Follow the direction of the leader.

**CANTICLE** *Canticle of Love* UMH 646, response 1  
Cantor – Larry L Boggs Jr.

**EPISTLE** 1 John 4:7-21 Pam Settlage

**SUNG RESPONSE** *Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here* UMH 647

**SERMON** *Love Casts Out Fear* Rev. Janet Craswell

**INVITATION to OFFERING**

We support the life of this church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Ushers will receive our welcome cards, prayer requests, and financial gifts at this time. Online gifts may be shared using this QR code.



**OFFERTORY**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
John Rutter

Chancel Choir

**\*DEDICATION**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Morning Has Broken*

UMH 145

**\*INVITATION to ASSEMBLE on PLAZA**

Congregation meets in plaza, outside, for a prayer over new trees.

**COMMISSIONING PRAYER FOR TREES**

ONE: With these trees we have planted faith in God's redemption of the world.

**ALL: With these trees we have planted faith.**

ONE: With these trees we have planted joy in God's love expressed throughout Creation.

**ALL: With these trees we have planted joy.**

ONE: With these trees we have planted beauty for future generations to enjoy.

**ALL: With these trees we have planted beauty.**

ONE: With these trees we have planted healing of the air, water, and earth.

**ALL: With these trees we have planted healing.**

ONE: With these trees we have planted hope for God's Creation.

**ALL: With these trees we have planted hope. Amen**

\*from Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Earth is our Mother We Must Take Care of Her* Chancel Choir

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**Game Night and Potluck, TONIGHT!**

**Metropolitan Memorial Campus Great Hall | 5-7pm**

Join us for an intergenerational evening of board games, cards, food and fellowship. Bring your favorite games and dish to share. This will be an informal chance for families with young children, youth, college students, and adults of all ages to have fun together. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors looking for a place to plug in and find connection in our church community. **Questions, contact [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org).**



**Spring UMW Jewelry Sale**  
**Sunday, April 28, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**  
**Christie Room**  
**Metropolitan Memorial campus**

Join us for a sparkling celebration of Spring at our eagerly awaited UMW Jewelry Sale on April 28th! From delicate florals to bold statement pieces, there's something for every style and occasion. So mark your calendars and come check out our Spring collection while raising money for our UMW unit.



**Adult Helpers Needed for Vacation Bible School**  
**June 24 – 28 | 9am – Noon**

VBS is a vital outreach to children, families, and the community. It only works with your help. Whether you can offer an hour, a day, or the full week, there is something for you to do.

Do you love arts and crafts?

**We need you.**

Do you love storytelling and the Bible?

**We need you.**

Do you love Jesus and want to share God's love with our community?

**We need you.**

**To find out how you can help, please contact Courtney Leatherman at [Leatherman.courtney@gmail.com](mailto:Leatherman.courtney@gmail.com) or Rev. Janet at [jcraswell@nationalchurch.org](mailto:jcraswell@nationalchurch.org)**