



## METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL CAMPUS

3401 Nebraska Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C

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NATIONAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# 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!

*This service is live-streamed.  
Those seated in the rear of sanctuary will remain off-camera.*

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

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*What A Beautiful Name*  
Arr. Dan Galbraith

DaySpring Choir

**WELCOME**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**\*SONG of PRAISE**

*God of Love and God of Power*

UMH 578

**\*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

During the prayer, young people will assemble in the Children's Chapel to receive bells to play in a procession to the altar. Children of all ages may participate.

*Before being seated all will be invited to extend signs of hospitality to one another.*

**ENTRANCE of the BELLS**

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

**CALL to OFFERING**

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



**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*The Prayer*  
Arr. Mark Hayes

DaySpring Choir

**\*DEDICATING OUR GIFTS to MINISTRY**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks, to the Holy One, give thanks, for God has given Jesus Christ in Love. And now, let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us! Give thanks! Give thanks!**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

*This is My Father's World*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

Young people are encouraged to gather near the chancel steps,  
exiting to Children's Choir afterward.

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

Richard Vethamani

## MESSAGE

*No Fear in Love*

Rev. Janet Craswell

## \*INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP

In this time of meditation and commitment, participants may move to a prayer station around the sanctuary featuring the following options today:

•Baptismal Chapel— Praying for the United Methodist General Conference, meeting in Charlotte NC this week.

•Altar--Receive prayer from a pastor on left or pray in silence on the left.

•Seated and Online---Watch this video clip that explains Laudato Trees, the program that arranged for National's recent tree planting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTxT43hLzRk>

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

TFWS Back Cover

## \*CLOSING SONG

*O Perfect Love*

UMH 645

## \*BLESSING

Rev. Janet Craswell

## \*DEPARTING in JOY

In honor of Arbor Day, please join us outside on the plaza to bless the 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



### **Grate Patrol TODAY!**

Join us in the Metropolitan Memorial Vestry after the 9 am worship or the Wesley Fellowship Hall after worship to make sandwiches and pack lunches for the monthly Grate Patrol, a Salvation Army program that serves meals to the homeless of DC every night.

**Use the QR code to sign up as a volunteer to help deliver food.**



### **Game Night and Potluck, TONIGHT!**

**Metropolitan Memotrial 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)**