

**National United Methodist Church**

*A Reconciling Congregation*

**Metropolitan Memorial Campus**

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

**May 5, 2019, 9:00 & 11:00 AM**

3rd Sunday in Easter

# Children's Celebration Sunday

**Being in God's  
Family**



**Our Vision:**

**Extending radical hospitality, transforming lives, and pursuing justice.**

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May 5, 2019: 9:00 & 11:00 AM

## We Gather to Praise God

† *Standing as you are able*

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome

† **Opening Hymn:** *This is the Day*

UMH 657

† **Passing of the Peace**

† **Hymn:** *He Lives*

UMH 310

**Call to Worship** *written and led by the Godly Players class: K-1st grade*

Godly Players: Would you pray with us?

**Congregation: Yes we will**

Can you play with us?

**Why shouldn't we? Of course we will.**

Can you thank God with us?

**Yes, that's very important.**

Can you sing with us?

**Yes, with pleasure.**

Can you help us help the homeless and care for others?

**Yes, we want to help those who are poor.**

Can you donate to help the homeless?

**We want to help the homeless not get wet.**

Let's pray together anytime!

**Give thanks for everybody everywhere (in the entire history of the world)**

**Amen**

## We Listen to Hear God's Voice

**Anthem:** *This Little Light of Mine*

*Harry Dixon Loes*

**Cherub Choir**

**Katelyn Neumann, director; Nancy Kim, accompanist**

### Time with Old Christians

**Rev. Janet Craswell**

### Scripture Reading:

Matthew 12: 46-50

ACTS 2: 43-47

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### Offering Our Gifts to God

**Rev. Janet Craswell**

**Offertory:** *"This is the Day"*

*Cindy Berry*

**Morningstar Choir**

**Nicholas Carratura, director; Paige Rammelkamp, accompanist**

## ✠Easter Doxology

Siyahamba

***Praise to God from whom all miracles flow.  
Praise Creator all creation below.  
Praise to God you heavenly hosts from above,  
Praise our Father, Son and Spirit of love.***

***We are praising, (praising), we are praising, (praising) oh!  
Praising Father, Son and Spirit of love.***

## ✠Thanksgiving Prayer

written by the Joyful Spirits class, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Dear God,  
We are thankful for food, water, home and school.  
For seal pups, and cats, and all the animals.  
We are thankful for our family and our friends and for people who are kind.  
Thank you for time.  
Thank you for peace.  
Please help us all remember to be thankful.  
In Jesus's name we pray,  
Amen.

## Prayer of the Children

written by the Joyful Spirits class, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Dear God,  
We ask you to help those in need.  
Please help people who do not have shelter find a place to live.  
Help those without money get what they need.  
Help people who are hungry get food, and help everyone get two desserts  
Please help families that need help and help people who do not have families.  
Please help schools that don't have what they need to get the right school supplies.  
And we pray for the animals.  
Please help the gorillas and the bees, so they will not become extinct.  
Help the cats to find a home.  
Help us all to remember to be kind to each other.  
Please help the world.  
In Jesus's name we pray,  
Amen

✠**Hymn:** *For the Beauty of the Earth* **UMH 92**,  
verses 1, 4, and 6

## Reflections from the Young Disciples Class (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Kendley Miller, Christopher Maltas, Nana Yeboah, and Annika Magnell

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

written by the Bible Explorers class: 4th grade

### Invitation to the Table *Viviana Kokkoros*

This is God's table. All are invited and all are welcome

## **We Thank God**

Lord, we thank you for creating Heaven, Earth and everything in between. You formed us in your image and gave us life. When we fail to follow the right path, by your grace we are forgiven.

## **We are Grateful for Jesus**

You gave us your Son, Jesus Christ, who healed the sick, fed the hungry, ate with sinners and by his suffering, death and resurrection, made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

**We remember what Jesus told us to do and ask the Holy Spirit to be with us in communion**

*Rev. Janet Craswell*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**UMH 895 (sung version)**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup of Christ**  
class

Communion servers from the Bible Explorers

## **Music During Communion:**

Servant Song

Welcome to this Place (insert)

## **Prayer of Response**

We give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

# **We are Scattered to Serve God in Our World**

## **Invitation to Vacation Bible School**

✠**Hymn:** Bind us Together UMH

## **Sending Forth**

## **Postlude**

Music for today's worship service is provided by the **Cherub Choir**, **Katelyn Neumann**, *director*; **Nancy Kim**, *accompanist*; the **Morningstar Choir**, **Nicholas Carratura**, *director*, and **Paige Rammelkamp**, *pianist*.

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**Thank You!** *Many thanks to the wonderful adults who make our Children's Ministry work. By teaching Sunday school, leading choirs, and guiding and directing our young Christians, our teachers and leaders help shape our children into individuals who will be able to answer God's call throughout their lives.*

***Please join us in the Great Hall between services to honor our wonderful adult volunteers (there will be cake!).***