

Today's service is live-streamed. Those seated in rear remain off-camera

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC

March 10 at 9:00 AM



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

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Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!

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

PRELUDE *Here I Am To Worship* - Tim Hughes DaySpring Choir

WELCOME Derek Willis

***SONG of PRAISE** *God is Here* UMH 660

Children are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring.
At the sound of the chime, please be seated while the children walk forward.

***PRAYER of THANKSGIVING** Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

CALL 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.



ANTHEM *I Give Myself Away*-William McDowell DaySpring Choir
Arr. Dan Galbraith

***DEDICATING our GIFTS to MINISTRY**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His son.
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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

Young people are encouraged to gather at chancel steps, exiting to Children's Choir afterward

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:11-32 Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
2 Corinthians 5:11-17

MESSAGE for TODAY

Derek Willis

***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:

- Left Chapel**—Light a candle and pray over names in the chapel of those seeking relief.
- Front Altar Kneeler**—Receiving individual prayer from a pastor.
- Seated and Online**—Consider an online donation to UMCOR.

United Methodist Committee on Relief and its partners are responding to disasters across the globe every day. Follow this link to learn how you can contribute.
<https://umcmission.org/umcor-us-latest-responses/>

***LORD'S PRAYER**

TFWS Back Cover

***CLOSING SONG**

Softly and Tenderly

UMH 348

BLESSING

Derek Willis

POSTLUDE

Sonata – William Hershel

Todd Beckham, Piano



United Methodist Committee on Relief Sunday—TODAY

UMCOR Sunday is one of six special offerings in The United Methodist Church that supports ministries shared by all churches in the denomination. UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. When we give to specific Advance projects, 100% of our gifts are directed to the designated response.

And UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR cultivates relationships and helps communities rebuild, often for years after the disaster.

UMCOR can do this because the funds we receive today join with those of millions of United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly when disaster strikes.

Please give generously. Checks should be made to National UMC with "UMCOR" in note. All cash in offering cards will be allocated to UMCOR today.



**Lenten Study: A Sacred Voice is Calling
Sundays 10am Library, In Person Only**

Thursdays, 7-8 PM, on Zoom

Meeting ID: 840 6006 3996

Passcode: 086393

This Lent, we will consider the ways God calls us, what God calls us to do, and who God calls us to be. Calling is not just about a job or a mission, it is also about discovering our true selves. Using John Neafsey’s book, *A Sacred Voice is Calling: Personal Vocation and Social Conscience* as a starting point, we will look at how God is calling every one of us – each unique, authentic self. The weekly meetings will be a time of prayer, meditation, gentle discussion, and listening for God’s voice among us.

You are not required to read the book to participate, but you may find it meaningful. Copies of the book are available in the office at the Metropolitan Memorial campus and on the back table at the Wesley campus. If you need a copy of the book mailed to you, please send a note to communications@nationalchurch.org

TODAY - Suffering: The Call of the Wounded Healer

Mar. 14 / Mar. 17 - Conscience: The Morality of the Heart

Mar. 21 / Mar. 24 - Social Conscience: Awakening from the Sleep of Inhumanity



Holy Week in the Gospels

Join Rev. Janet and the Thursday Morning Bible study for a three-week examination of the last week of Jesus’ human life as told in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Everyone is welcome – no preparation or previous Bible-study experience required! The class is hybrid, so you may participate via Zoom or in-person.

Thursdays, 10:30-noon,
in the **conference room at Metropolitan Memorial**
or on **Zoom at Meeting ID 452 637 297, passcode 025452.**

March 14: Trial and denial
March 21: The crucifixion

Use the QR code to access the Zoom meeting



EASTER FLOWERS: Celebrating the Resurrection and Honoring Our Loved Ones

Remember or honor your family and friends while beautifying our church with a donation towards the Easter flowers that festoon our tow beautiful sanctuaries on Easter Sunday.

The Easter flowers in the church are 100% provided by your contributions. Each flower is available for a donation of \$25. Any donation amount is welcome. All donations will be recognized in our Easter morning bulletin.

To remember or honor a loved one this Easter, please fill out the form online at nationalchurch.org/flowers. You can make your donation online or send cash or a check to Pam: Murdoch, Finance Coordinator c/o National UMC, Metropolitan Memorial Campus, 3401 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016

NOTE: Deadline for newsletter submissions is Monday, March 18th