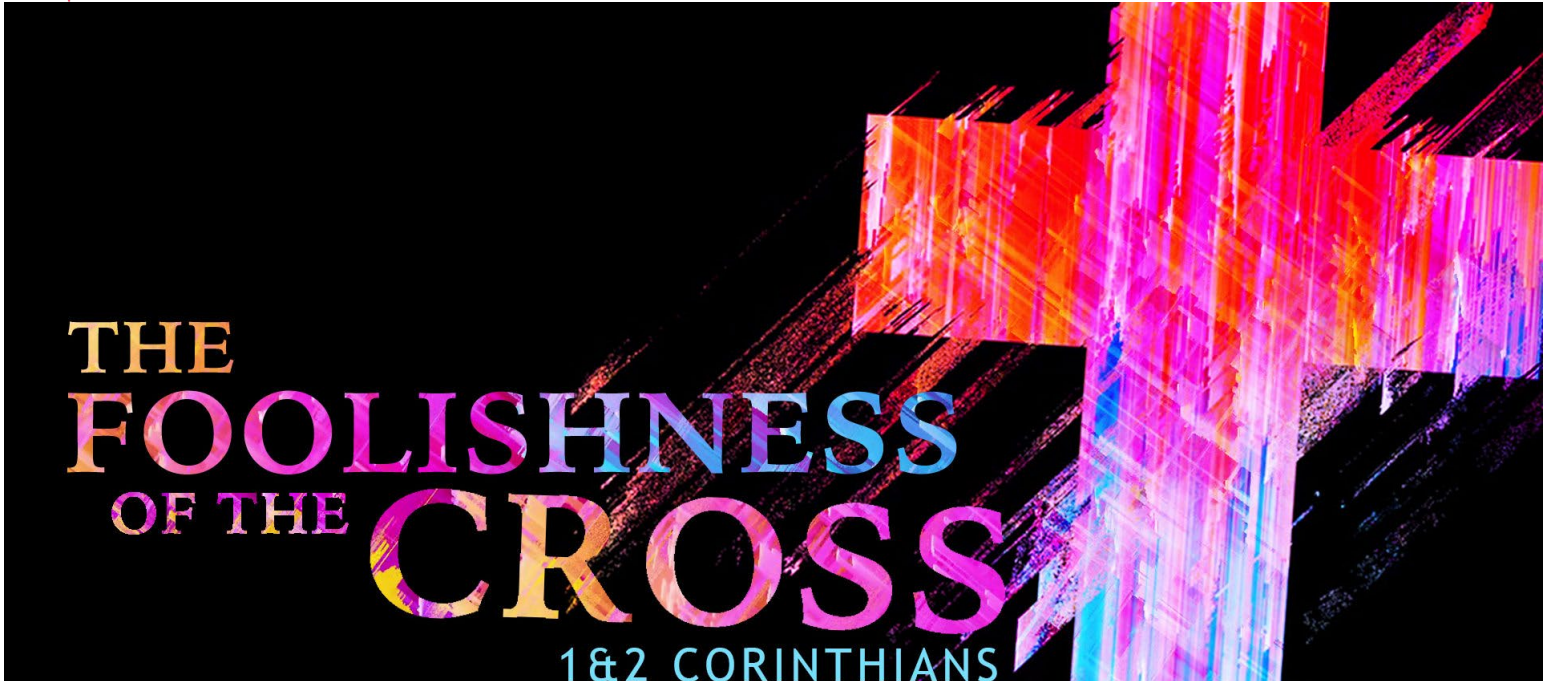




NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

March 3 at 11:00 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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WiFi Password: Welcome!

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

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on "Westminster Abbey" - Richard Proulx

Todd Beckham, Organ

CENTERING SILENCE

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

INTROIT

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake - Richard Farrant

✝ **ENTRANCE**

✝ **OPENING HYMN**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

UMH 559

✝ **WELCOME**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

We are glad you are here today! Please find and complete the "Welcome Card" in a pew in front of you to let us know you are here today and to offer any personal prayer concerns. These will be received by ushers later in the service.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER

Psalm 19
Cantor -Katelyn Neumann

UMH 750

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

CHORAL RESPONSE

What is This Place? - Huub Oosterhuis

Verse 1: What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor,
walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.

Verse 2: Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed.
Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need.
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard: God's free redeeming Word.

Verse 3: And we accept bread at his table, broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase: God's justice and God's peace.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

SUNG RESPONSE

When I survey the Wondrous Cross

UMH 299

PRAYERS of the DAY with Lord's Prayer

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who
trespass against us And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen**

SERMON

A Foolish Lifestyle

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

COMMUNION

What is this place?
In the style of a Renaissance Dance

UMH pp 18-19, Setting B

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

Teach Me, O Lord, the Way of Thy Statutes - William Byrd

Chancel Choir

DEDICATION

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

† PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

† CLOSING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

UMH 159

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen - Richard Farrant

VOLUNTARY

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God - Benedetto Marcello

Todd Beckham, Organ



Nurturing One Another: A Time of Reflection, Fellowship and Conversation

TODAY | from 3-5 pm | Great Hall of the Metropolitan Memorial campus

Join us on Sunday to discuss ways we can meet the needs of our congregation and broader community as we form a new Nurture Team.

This will be an invitation to share joys, concerns, and ideas about innovative ways to strengthen our connections and deepen our faith. We'll talk about ways to enhance our traditional community events, as well as brainstorm on new activities to care for and energize our church family.

Come with suggestions or just to listen. The event is open to all.



the Messenger is Here!

The first Spring edition of our newsletter “the Messenger” is out today!

Visit nationalchurch.org/messenger to read about all that is happening in our community.

Want to be included in the next edition of the Messenger?

Send us an email at communications@nationalchurch.org with an excerpt of what you would like to add.

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



32nd Annual Sing Out for Shelter Concert

Saturday, March 9 | 7:30 pm | at NUMC, Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary

Once again, National UMC has the honor of hosting the Annual Sing Out for Shelter benefit concert.

Over the years this event has raised more than \$400,000 to support Friendship Place, Christ House, and the work of our St. Luke’s Mission Center.

The year’s concert will feature *a cappella* performances by The Augmented Eight, Yale University’s Whim’n Rhythm, and the Maret School’s Gracenotes.

Tickets can be purchased online using the QR code or at the door.

General admission is \$30.



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

Mar. 7 / Mar. 10 - 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

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