

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 3 at 9:00 AM



## THE FOOLISHNESS OF THE CROSS

1 & 2 CORINTHIANS

### Making the Love of God Obvious!

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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.

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Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!

**PRELUDE**

*Indescribable*  
Arr. Dan Galbraith

DaySpring Choir

*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.*

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

**WELCOME**

**\*SONG of PRAISE**

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

UMH 605

**PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

**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**

*Dreams* - Rollo A. Dilworth

DaySpring Choir

**\*DEDICATING our GIFTS to MINISTRY**

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**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. Janet Craswell

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**MESSAGE for TODAY**

*A Foolish Lifestyle*

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

*COMMUNION	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	UMH 618
	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty</i>	UMH 64
*LORD'S PRAYER		TFWS Back Cover
*CLOSING SONG	<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>	UMH 462
BLESSING		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
POSTLUDE	<i>Fugue in C major- J. S. Bach</i>	Todd Beckham, Piano



### **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](http://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](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org) with an excerpt of what you would like to add.

**NOTE: Deadline for newsletter submissions is Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.**



### **32<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org)

**TODAY** - Vision: The Quest for a Worthy Dream

**Mar. 7 / March 10** - Suffering: The Call of the Wounded Healer

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

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