



# NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

February 11 at 11:00 AM



The Transfiguration of Christ (Sr. Abraham, Ethiopian community in Jerusalem, 1990)

## 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.*

[www.nationalchurch.org](http://www.nationalchurch.org) | (202) 363-4900 | [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org)

WiFi Password: Welcome!

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

**VOLUNTARY**

*Transfiguration - Richard Plantcheff*

Todd Beckham, Organ

**CENTERING SILENCE**

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

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*  
Arr. by Arnold B Sherman

Metropolitan Ringers

✠ **ENTRANCE**

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in Memory of  
Eagle Scout Merritt J. Green (June 1970 - January 2024)

✠ **WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

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 concern. These will be received by ushers later in the service.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

*Christ is the World's Light*

UMH 188

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**PSALTER**

Psalm 50 :1-6  
Cantor - Katelyn Neumann

UMH 783

**GOSPEL**

Mark 1:29-39  
The Word of God for us, the people of God  
**Thanks be to God**

Rev. Janet Craswell

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

UMH 189

**PRAYERS of the DAY with Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**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**

Pay Attention

Rev. Janet Craswell

**INVITATION 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**

*Lead, Kindly Light* - Sir Arthur Sullivan

Chancel Choir

**DEDICATION**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

✠ **PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

✠ **CLOSING HYMN**

*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

UMH 258

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Janet Craswell

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You* - Peter Lutkin

**VOLUNTARY**

*Trumpet Tune in D Major* - David N. Johnson

Todd Beckham, Organ



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

On **Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, from 6-7:30 pm**, NUMC will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at the Vestry in the Metropolitan Memorial Campus. We are inviting people of all ages to help with preparing, cooking, serving, and enjoying this meal!

Sign up to help at National United Methodist Church: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Volunteer Signup 2024 using the QR code.

**Everyone is invited to come for pancakes. Invite your friends and neighbors too!**





## Lenten Study: A Sacred Voice is Calling

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.

Feb. 15 - Authenticity: To Live as Though the Truth were True

Feb. 22 - Passion & Compassion: The Heart's Calling

Feb. 29 - Vision: The Quest for a Worthy Dream

Mar. 7 - Suffering: The Call of the Wounded Healer

Mar. 14 - Conscience: The Morality of the Heart

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

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).



## Ash Wednesday - February 14th

The Season of Lent begins next week. After enjoying Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner here in Washington DC (or clearing your own home cabinets of fattening foods...by eating them), wake up early the next morning and listen: A Sacred Voice is Calling

### IN-PERSON

Drop-In prayer time  
between 8:45 and 9:30 AM,  
in the Great Hall, Metropolitan Memorial Campus.

### ONLINE

All Day Ash Wednesday Social Media Devotion  
[nationalchurch.org/ash-Wednesday](http://nationalchurch.org/ash-Wednesday)  
[nationalchurch.org/prayerpraise](http://nationalchurch.org/prayerpraise)

### PHONE

8 am and 8 pm Phone-In Devotional  
Participants interact with each other and lift up personal and corporate prayers in the 24-minute call.  
**551-258-5131**



## UMW Book Drive and Sale!

Sunday, Feb. 18 | 10 am to 2 pm | Metropolitan Memorial parking lot

We are getting ready for the annual UMW Book & Bake Sale Friday-Sunday, Feb. 23-25, net proceeds to benefit Project Transformation DC, AsylumWorks, FAIR Girls, and Wesley Seminary. Please tell your friends, neighbors, book clubs, and work buddies about the sale. More details at <http://www.nationalchurchumw.org>.

