



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

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

**February 18 at 9:00 AM**

**NATIONAL**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## **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.

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

**Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!**

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

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**PRELUDE**

*Prelude in e minor - Alexander Scriabin*

Todd Beckham, Piano

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**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**\*SONG of PRAISE**

*Hope of the World*

UMH 178

**\*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**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**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
Arr. Roland Carter

DaySpring Choir

**\*DEDICATING our GIFTS TO MINISTRY**

TFWS 2036

**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 facing the chancel steps,  
exiting to Children's Choir afterward.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 1:9-15

**MESSAGE for TODAY**

*Living Logos*

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

## \*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**—Remember your baptism by touching water from the font to your forehead.
- Right Hallway**—St. Luke's Mission Center Task Force updates with Nina de las Alas.
- Chancel Rail at Altar**—Gather around Pastor Rachel in prayer as she prepares for an important milestone on her journey to become Full Elder in the United Methodist Church.
- Seated and Online**---Consider this wisdom from Carl Jung,  
“We meet ourselves time and again in a thousand disguises on the path of life.”

Consider two times where this happened this past week, where you learned something important you didn't already know about yourself, one pleasing and one challenging. Invite God to call out to that person by your name, blessing you by saying " \_\_\_\_\_ in YOU I am well pleased."

\***LORD'S PRAYER**

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\***CLOSING SONG**

*We'll Understand It Better By and By*

UMH 525

**BLESSING**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

**POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary in F Major* - Samuel Wesley

Todd Beckham, Organ



## UMW Book Drive

**TODAY | 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 [www.nationalchurchumw.org](http://www.nationalchurchumw.org)



## Lenten Study: *A Sacred Voice Is Calling*

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 may participate Thursdays on-line or Sunday mornings in-person.

TODAY, 10 AM in-person in the Library -- "Authenticity"

[Thursdays, 7-8 PM, on Zoom.](#)

Meeting ID: 840 6006 3996

Upcoming sessions:

Feb. 22/25 - Passion & Compassion: The Heart's Calling

Feb. 29/March 3 - Vision: The Quest for a Worthy Dream

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

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

March 21/24 - 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) 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.

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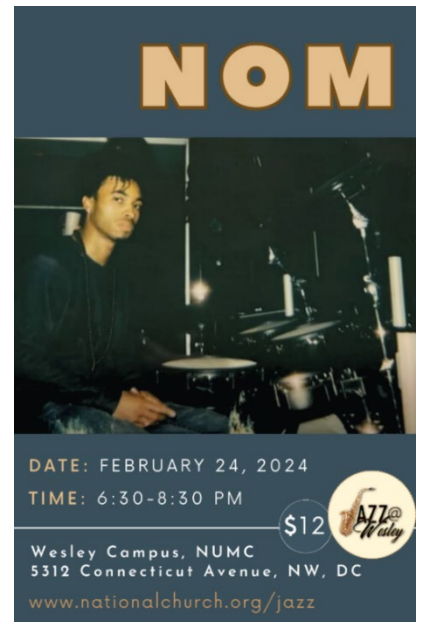
### Jazz@Wesley Presents: NOM

**Saturday, February 24, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Come experience an impressive new talent on the DC jazz scene, NOM. He's bringing his drums and his skilled band to Jazz@Wesley in February. A student of UDC's esteemed jazz program, NOM's musical prowess is intuitive, energetic, and utterly engaging.

Join us to enjoy DC's latest homegrown jazz sensation.

[www.nationalchurch.org/jazz](http://www.nationalchurch.org/jazz)



### Planting Trees at Metropolitan Memorial Saturday, March 16th

National UMC will hold a tree planting event where we will be planting nearly 20 trees with the help of Casey Trees. **There is no minimum age to volunteer!** Kids middle-school aged or younger, must be accompanied by a parent/guardian throughout the event. High school students must have a parent/guardian sign a waiver to participate but may then be dropped off.

**SIGN UP HERE**

**The planting runs from 8 AM till Noon.**

(Note: you must be present for the 8 AM demonstration to participate in the planting.)

**Registration is Limited, so sign up soon.**

