



# NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**February 25 at 11:00 AM**



## **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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**WiFi Password: Welcome!**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Chorale prelude on "Rhosymedre" - Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Todd Beckham, Organ

**CENTERING SILENCE**

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

**INTROIT**

*Shall We Gather at the River*  
Arr. Jason W Krug

Metropolitan Ringers

† **ENTRANCE**

† **OPENING HYMN**

*My Song is Love Unknown*

TFWS 2083

† **WELCOME**

Rev. Janet Craswell

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.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Janet Craswell

**PSALTER**

Psalm 22:25-31  
Cantor - Julian Baldwin

UMH 752

**HEBREW TESTAMENT**

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Rev. Janet Craswell

**SUNG RESPONSE**

*The God of Abraham Praise*

UMH 116, vss. 1-2

**GOSPEL**

Mark 8:31-38

Dr. Ann Michel

**SUNG RESPONSE**

*Take Up Thy Cross*

UMH 415, vss 1-2

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

Rev. Janet Craswell

**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**

*Preparing for New Life*

Dr. Ann Michel

**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**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* - Maurice Beven

Chancel Choir

**DEDICATION**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

**† PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Janet Craswell

**† CLOSING HYMN**

*I Want to Be Ready*

UMH 722

**† BENEDICTION**

Dr. Ann Michel

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Amen* - Richard Farrant

**VOLUNTARY**

*Ground in Gamut* - Henry Purcell

Todd Beckham, Organ



**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**

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

**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](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org)



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

**Sunday, March 3 | from 3-5 p.m. | 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.



## **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.**

