

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

February 25 at 9:00 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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Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!

PRELUDE

Consolations #1- Franz Liszt

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. Janet Craswell

***SONG of PRAISE**

And Are We Yet Alive

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PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Rev. Janet Craswell

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.

Rev. Janet Craswell



ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River
Arr. Jason W Krug

Metropolitan Ringers

***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

Mark 8:31-38

MESSAGE for TODAY

Preparing for New Life

Dr. Ann Michel

***INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

- **Left Chapel**—As we reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, light a candle in memory of those who have followed him to Glory.
- **Right Hallway**— Hear about Reconciling Ministries and General Conference from Kerm Towler
- **Front Altar Kneeler and Pew near cross path**—Receiving individual prayer from pastors.
- **Seated and Online**---Consider the following from "A Sacred Voice is Calling:"

Rabbi Baer was asked “How should I serve God,” and the Rabbi said, “One way to serve God is through learning, another through prayer, another through fasting, and still another through eating. Everyone should carefully observe what way their heart draws them to, and then choose this way with all their strength.”

***LORD’S PRAYER**

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***CLOSING SONG**

Where He Leads Me

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BLESSING

Dr. Ann Michel

POSTLUDE

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?- Johann Walther Todd Beckham, Piano



Book & Bake Sale Clearance Today!

Clean up at the Book & Bake Sale today. Peruse a great selection of books, vinyl records, CDs, DVDs at the Book & Bake Sale, organized by the United Methodist Women. Pack up a box or a bag and bring home some treasures. Check out what remains of our great bake sale with homemade goodies and soup. Sale is held in the Metropolitan Memorial Vestry until noon.

All net proceeds benefit: Project Transformation DC, a Methodist-based summer reading camp in DC, AsylumWorks, supporting immigrants to the DC area, FAIR Girls, helping female survivors of human trafficking, and Wesley Seminary.



**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.



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

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.

TODAY – Passion and Compassion

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

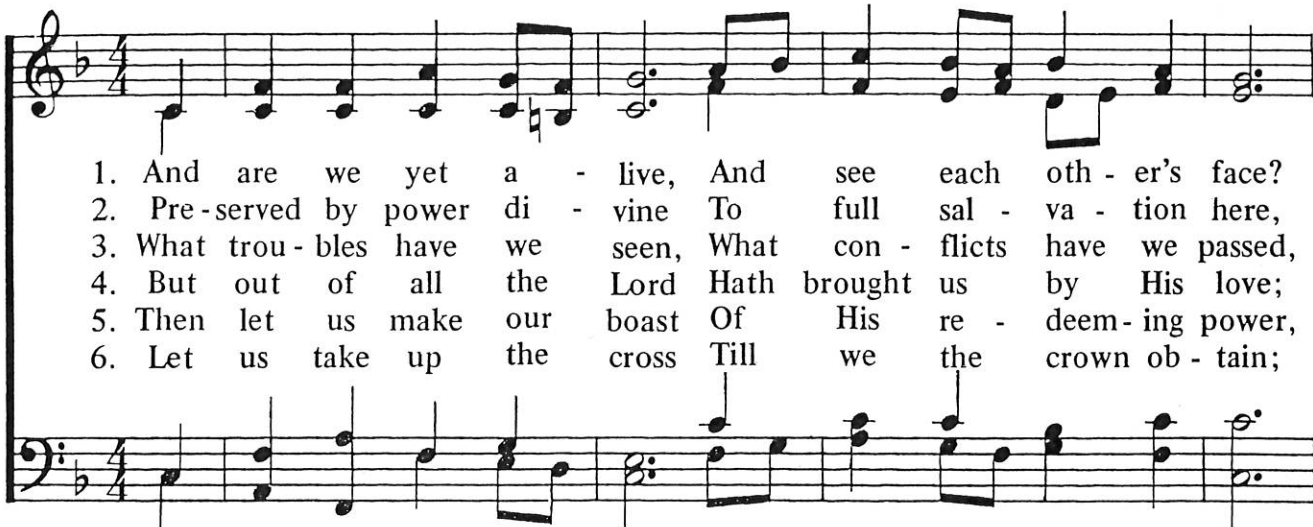
Mar. 7 / March 10 - Suffering: The Call of the Wounded Healer

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

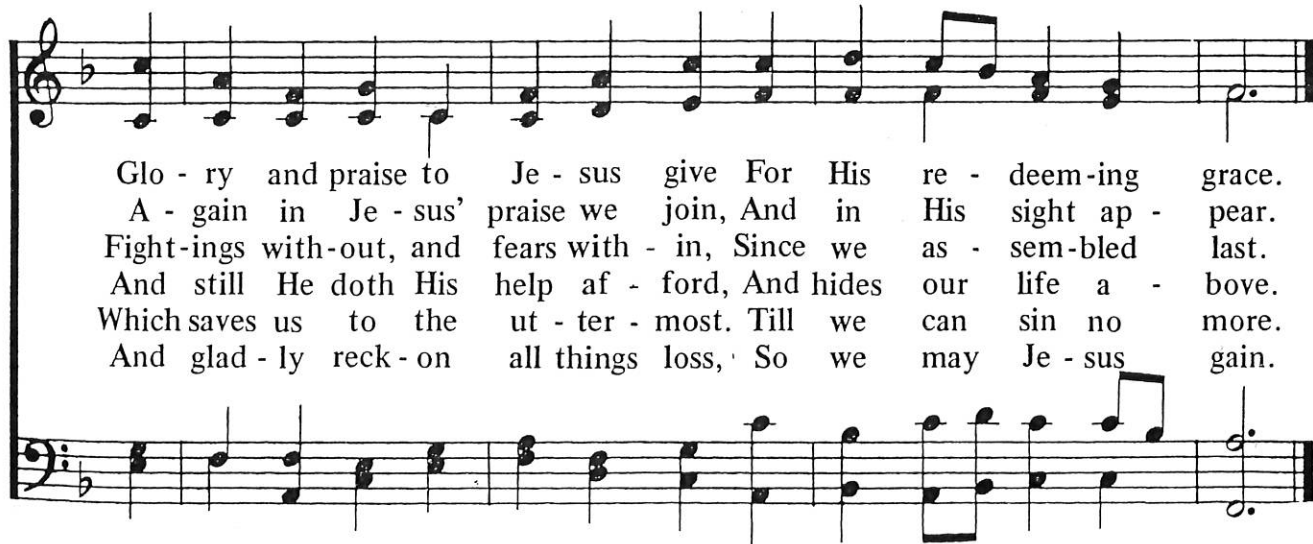
Mar. 21 / March 24 - Social Conscience: Awakening from the Sleep of Inhumanity

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

And Are We Yet Alive



1. And are we yet a - live, And see each oth - er's face?
 2. Pre - served by power di - vine To full sal - va - tion here,
 3. What trou - bles have we seen, What con - flicts have we passed,
 4. But out of all the Lord Hath brought us by His love;
 5. Then let us make our boast Of His re - deem - ing power,
 6. Let us take up the cross Till we the crown ob - tain;



Glo - ry and praise to Je - sus give For His re - deem - ing grace.
 A - gain in Je - sus' praise we join, And in His sight ap - pear.
 Fight - ings with - out, and fears with - in, Since we as - sem - bled last.
 And still He doth His help af - ford, And hides our life a - bove.
 Which saves us to the ut - ter - most. Till we can sin no more.
 And glad - ly reck - on all things loss, So we may Je - sus gain.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Tune: Aaron Williams, *The New Universal Psalmist*, 1770

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