


* Standing as you are able

PRELUDE	<i>Let's Sing Unto The Lord</i>	UMH 149
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
*SONG of PRAISE	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	UMH 519
*OPENING PRAYER		Paula Pree
*PASSING the PEACE		
BIBLE LESSON	Psalm 147:1-11, 20 Mark 1:29-39	Laura Harper Powell
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP		
HOLY COMMUNION	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	UMH 618
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
CALL TO OFFERING		Rita Guenther
	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	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	UMH 474
*DOXOLOGY		UMH 95
DEDICATING OUR GIFTS to MINISTRY		Laura Harper Powell
	Work through us and our gifts, Lord, so that what comes to us as seed goes forth as flower, and what comes to us as flower, goes forth as fruit.	
*CLOSING SONG	<i>What A Beautiful Name</i>	INSERT
BLESSING		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Paula Pree



Charge Conference - Monday, February 5, 2024

ONLINE, 7 pm

NUMC Members will gather online to offer final review, adoption, and dedication of our budget and leadership. All members have voice, however vote is extended only to those who were approved January 30, 2024 as Church Council Members.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82788439511>

Meeting ID: 827 8843 9511

There is still time to make your financial pledge to National UMC. Use the QR code to get started.

Please remain in prayer for the stewardship of our ministry resources of time, talent, and treasure this week.



NEW Wesley Campus Bible Study – *Liberating Faith*

January 14 - February 11 | 5 pm Sundays

Community Room, Wesley Campus

This new Bible study class helps us find the liberating message of our scriptures. Each lesson includes a Bible passage, a modern-day case study, and life application. Using materials from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, *Liberating Faith* brings forward the voices of Christians of African descent. For more information, contact Tanner Carlson at tannerc9@gmail.com



Winter Study—*Incompatible: How the Church Cast Out LGBTQ Christians and Where We Go Next*, by Charlie Baber

Wednesdays, 7-8 PM

In the lead-up to General Conference 2024, NUMC will be exploring the origins of the current struggle over LGBTQ inclusion in the United Methodist Church. You are invited to a three-week study of *Incompatible*, a very United Methodist graphic novel (comic book, but serious history) that examines the history of Christian belief and practices around human sexuality.

Facilitated by Rev. Janet Craswell and Angela Pupino

2/7: An Open Table

(Moving Towards a Methodist Theology of the Whole Body of Christ)

**On Zoom at ID: 839 5022 4224,
Passcode: 1inChrist.**



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 below.



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



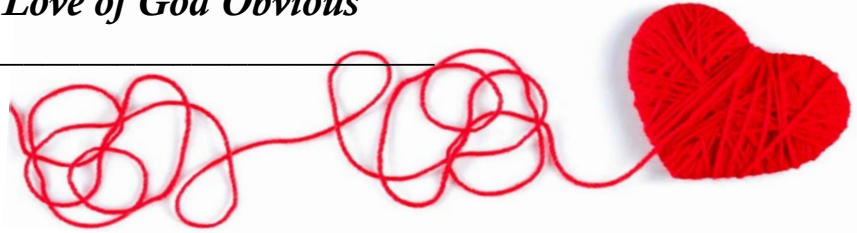
Today's service is live-streamed. Those seated in rear remain off-camera

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wesley Campus
5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, D.C.

February 4 at 11:00 AM

Making the Love of God Obvious



The Threads in My Hand – by Howard Thurman

Only one end of the threads, I hold in my hand.
The threads go many ways, linking my life with other lives.
One thread comes from a life that is sick; it is taut with anguish
and always there is the lurking fear that the life will snap. I hold it
tenderly. I must not let it go...

One thread comes from a high-flying kite;
it quivers with the mighty current of fierce and holy dreaming
invading the common day with far-off places and visions bright...

One thread comes from the failing hands of an old, old friend.
Hardly aware am I of the moment when the tight line slackened
and there was nothing at all — nothing...

One thread is but a tangled mass that won't come right;
Mistakes, false starts; lost battles, angry words – a tangled mass;
I have tried so hard, but it won't come right...

One thread is a strange thread – it is my steadying thread;
When I am lost, I pull it hard and find my way.
When I am saddened, I tighten my grip and gladness glides along its
quivering path;

When the waste places of my spirit appear in arid confusion,
the thread becomes a channel of newness of life.
One thread is a strange thread – it is my steadying thread.

God's hand holds the other end...

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!

